

	French
Exam Board	AQA
Course Entry Criteria	B in GCSE French
Essential skills	An interest in the subject is the most important thing. A good grasp of grammar is also important, although this will be re-enforced at the start of the course. You must have an interest in discussing and debating contemporary issues as you will be working on developing your speaking skills with the foreign language assistant.
Year 12	<p><u>The topics covered include:</u> ‘Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends’ (Changes in the family structure, New technologies, The world of work) and ‘Artistic culture in French speaking countries’ (Music, Media, Heritage). Students will need to demonstrate critical thinking and an ability to engage in a discussion in French.</p> <p>Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Translation (45%) Paper 2 – Written response to work, grammar and translation (25%) Paper 3 – Speaking (30%)</p>
Year 13	<p><u>The topics covered include:</u> ‘Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues’ (Integration and multiculturalism) and ‘Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world’. Students will need to demonstrate critical thinking and an ability to engage in a discussion in French</p> <p>Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Translation (45%) Paper 2 – Written response to work and translation (25%) Paper 3 – Speaking (30%)</p>
University requirements	<p>Typical grade requirements to study French degree are as follows:</p> <p>Oxbridge: A*A A/A A A Russell Group: A A B to B B B Non Russell Group: B B B</p>
Related courses and careers	<p>Courses – Languages are “facilitating subjects” as recommended by the Russell Group of Universities. An A2 in French would be beneficial to a great majority of courses at university, and would be particularly helpful if you choose to spend a year abroad.</p> <p>Careers – Translating, Interpreting, Finance, Law, Sales and marketing, Engineering, Tourism, Leisure, Public Sector, United Nations and European Union, Media, Teaching (Primary & Secondary), Linguistics, plus knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level.</p>