

AS and A-level French

Qualification required: GCSE French with A or B grade.

Outline syllabus

The AS Units The AS comprises three units of assessment. It may be awarded as a discrete qualification, or it may be the first half of a full A-level qualification.

- **Unit 1** Listening and Writing
- **Unit 2** Reading and Writing
- **Unit 3** Prepared Oral Topic (to be chosen by the candidate)

The A2 Units The A2 comprises a further three units of assessment. Taken together with the three AS units, it leads to a full A-level qualification.

- **Unit 4** Oral Discussion of Issues
- **Unit 5** Topic/Texts (see below) or Coursework
- **Unit 6** Listening, Reading and Writing in Registers

NB. Unit 5 Two topics, two texts or one of each.

Or coursework: 2 extended pieces of writing based on personal research.

NB The use of dictionaries and /or texts will not be allowed in examination sessions.

For a fuller explanation of what the course involves, please see overleaf.

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A Student's Guide

What do I need to be able to do before taking this course?

Most students will normally have achieved the equivalent of GCSE grade B in their chosen language. You will need to feel confident at this level in the four language skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. You must also have some knowledge and understanding of the culture and way of life of the target language country.

How will I benefit from this course?

You will improve your ability to communicate at a high level and acquire a host of transferable skills that will stand you in good stead in your future studies and career. You will extend your knowledge of the present day society in those countries in which the language is spoken. This you will achieve by **reading** (extracting information from authentic sources such as magazines and newspapers, reports or books), **listening** (to news and discussion programmes on the college's satellite television system and on recordings from the radio), **speaking** (in which skill our small classes afford ample opportunity for practice) and **writing** (presenting acquired information and your own opinions).

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

If you are interested in languages and communication, and enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life, then this course could be suitable for you. Similarly, if you are interested in the business world, in travel or tourism, in literature, journalism and the media, then you are also likely to find the course appropriate. Whether you want to use languages for work, further study or leisure, this course will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge.

AS or A-level?

AS is short for Advanced Subsidiary. This is the first half of the A-level course. It is a stepping stone to the full A-level qualification. You can take just the AS on its own as a qualification in its own right. It consists of three units as described overleaf. You can decide at the end of the AS course whether to continue to take the full A-level.

A-Level. The full A-level qualification is made up of the AS units plus three more units which are studied at a higher level called A2. You will have the opportunity to decide at the end of your first year, in consultation with your teacher, whether to continue with the language up to this level.

The units for both AS and A-level are described overleaf.