




## A-Level French

Full course title and Exam Board	AQA A-Level French 7652	Specification QR 
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Introduction	Languages are all around us; they are used in so many situations whether at work, on holiday or just casually in day-to-day life - we live in a multilingual global society. The aim of the 'A' Level modern language course is to help you to develop an interest in speaking a foreign language, to gain awareness of the need to speak foreign languages, to appreciate the nature and diversity of different cultures and people and to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and employment. Choosing an 'A' Level language is a really smart move if you want a fascinating subject that offers you a range of career possibilities at the end and is a lot of fun along the way.	
What is the course about?	<p><b>In Year One students will study two main themes as well as grammar:</b> The aspects of French speaking society (Current trends such as the changing nature of the family, cyber society, the place of voluntary work) and the artistic Culture in the French speaking world. A culture proud of its heritage, contemporary music and cinema: the 7th art form. They will also study a French literary work in the first year.</p> <p><b>In Year Two: Students will</b> build on the topics studied in Year One and study new topics such as Positive features of a diverse society, life for the marginalized, how criminals are treated (Theme aspects of French speaking society: Current trends) teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? Politics and immigration (theme aspects of political life in the French speaking world). Students will also study a French language film in the second year.</p>	
How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?	Assessment tasks are varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. There are 3 different exams. For Paper 1 (1h45mins), listening, reading and writing skills are assessed on the two main themes and grammar. Students are reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources and adapted as necessary. There are also two translations Paper 2 (2 hours) is the essay writing. Students are assessed on one book or one film studied they have studied from the lists in the specification. All questions will require a critical response to aspects such as plot, characterisation, imagery or other stylistic features as appropriate to the work studied. Grammar is also assessed. For Paper 3 (20mins), Speaking skills are assessed on one sub-theme from the 2 main themes studied. There is also a presentation by the candidate of his/her research project and a discussion of the research project.	
Current Text book and further Reading	AQA A-level French (includes AS), Publisher: Hodder Education. ISBN-13: 9781471857959	
Future Career Directions	Studying languages teaches you all the skills that employers look for: an analytical mind; good thought process; amazing memory capacity; fantastic cultural and intercultural awareness; good communication; great team player to name just a few. You may need languages for all sorts of career destinations, not just the obvious ones of teaching, interpreting and translating. Doctors, psychologists and physiotherapists need language skills to communicate effectively with patients whether they work in the UK or overseas. Businessmen, bankers and entrepreneurs all need language skills to make deals and sell products on the global market; politicians, historians, geographers and holiday reps all need language skills to get to know the people and area that they are passionate about.	
Subject Entry Requirements	Grade 6 in MFL (French)	

