

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - French GCE A level

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? AQA 7652

Why should I study this course? - Even closer business links between Britain and the rest of the world are creating more opportunities for those with language skills. At university languages can be studied as a single or joint honours and many prestigious offer this. In addition, languages can also be combined with many other subjects such as accountancy, law, business, marketing, engineering, linguistics, media, tourism. The options are endless as are the possibilities for future employment.. Studying a language at A level also helps to develop your verbal and written communications skills to a high level and promotes an understanding of your own language. Students have to study and develop opinions on a wide range of different topic areas. This knowledge and skills can be applied to a range of other subjects.

Who is suitable to study this course? - This subject is suitable for students who love learning a different language. You will need to be hard-working, well-organised and enthusiastic about language and culture. You need to be willing to communicate with others and be able to express your ideas and opinions effectively.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? A good GCSE grade in English language and literature would support study of this course.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course? A GCSE grade 6 and above in French

How is the Course Delivered? - The course is usually taught by two teachers and you will have 5 hours a week. In addition to this you would be expected to spend another five hours of independent study learning vocabulary, developing your listening and reading skills through watching film and television and reading newspapers and magazine articles in French. You will study a film in Y12 and then a book in Y13. For the speaking assessment you are able to choose your own topic to research and you will present and discuss your findings in the speaking assessment at the end of year 13.

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Cyber society The changing family	Teenagers - the right to vote Diverse society and introduce IRP
Autumn 2	Volunteering Cinema	Politics and immigration Life for the marginalised
Spring 1	Cultural heritage Au Revoir les Enfants (film)	Demonstrations and strikes- who holds the power? Criminals - how are they treated
Spring 2	Francophone music Au Revoir les Enfants	Revision of skills and topics IRP
Summer 1	No et Moi - Daphne de Vigan (novel) Au Revoir les Enfants Topic revision	Revision of skills and topics IRP
Summer 2	No et Moi A2 topic Diverse society	

How is the Course Assessed?

AO1: Understand and respond:

in speech to spoken language including face-to-face interaction

in writing to spoken language drawn from a variety of sources.

AO2: Understand and respond:

in speech to written language drawn from a variety of sources

in writing to written language drawn from a variety of sources.

AO3: Manipulate the language accurately, in spoken and written forms, using a range of lexis and structure.



AO4: Show knowledge and understanding of, and respond critically to, different aspects of the culture and society of countries/communities where the language is spoken.

The course is assessed at the end of Y13 and you will be assessed in the four skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Paper 1 - Listening, reading and Writing 2 hours 30

Paper 2 - Writing (about a film and book) 2 hours

Paper 3 Speaking assessment 20 minutes.

AS and A2 past papers are used throughout the course to assess progress at six points in the year as part of the Praising Stars assessment..

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study? -

Netflix and Amazon Prime both have a wide range of free films and series in French which you can watch.

www.20minutes.fr is a great site for short news articles.

The P16 LRC has a new edition of Phosphore every month. This is a French magazine aimed at French 16-18 year-olds