

# French - A Level

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## Course Outline:

Are you ready to set foot on an incredible linguistic journey that will transform your world? If so, then French is absolutely for you. Imagine immersing yourself in the cultural tapestry of a foreign country, effortlessly communicating at a social level with locals, and broadening your language skills to operate on a whole new level!

At A Level, it's not just letting your friend know what time you'll arrive at the station and what jumper you'll be wearing. It is a deep dive into current affairs and popular culture. Get ready to debate, argue, and express yourself with confidence, using spoken and written language to go beyond rote learning and move towards fluency.

Unlocking the secrets of grammar will be your key to effective communication, enabling you to express yourself with clarity and individuality.

We will equip you with the skill to read and digest authentic spoken and written sources diving into captivating films and fantastic literary texts.

The Exam is divided into three parts:

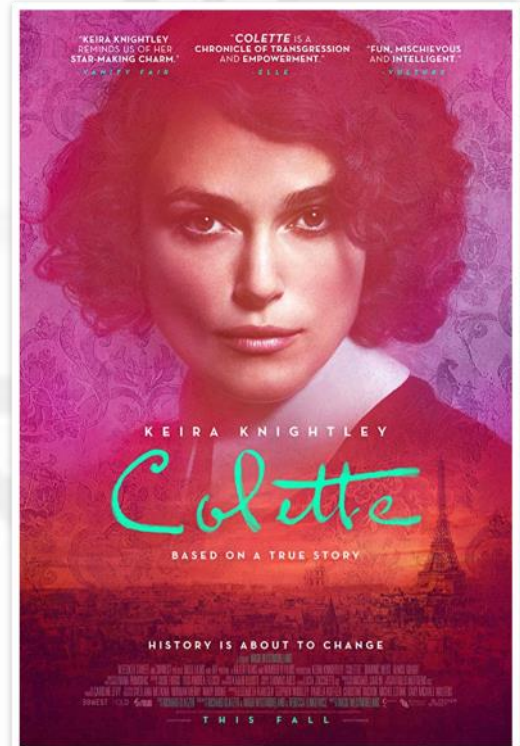
Part 1: Listening, Reading, Writing (50%). In this paper, all the topics you have studied over the course are assessed via reading and listening as well as translation tasks. Your ability to apply grammar studies is also very important. Where possible authentic material is being incorporated into this paper.

Part 2: Writing (20%). In this paper you will be writing about one text and one film (or two texts). Your ability to engage with the material as well as the application of grammar will be assessed.

Part 3: Speaking (30%). During the exam you will be talking about an individual research project as well as about one of four sub themes studied during the course (based on the stimulus card).

Students interested in this course should be prepared to talk, develop and express their opinions on the topics studied in every lesson. They should have a lively interest in the people, life and culture of the relevant country or countries and a commitment to keeping abreast of current affairs at home and abroad.

Students should be independent learners and ideally have a willingness to read in the language, attend lectures, plays and films and, if possible, travel abroad to practise. Students will be asked to purchase a text book as well as a novel, which the class will be studying during the course. We also advise students to purchase a grammar and translation workbook.



## Progression Post-18

A modern foreign language is a good subject choice for many students and combines well with a wide range of subjects, i.e. another foreign language, English, Humanities, Business Studies, Computing, Maths and Science. The new examination syllabuses cater for the needs and interests of a wide variety of students, and universities and colleges offer many degree courses combining a modern foreign language with another discipline.

Our links with the European Community are developing constantly and the ability to speak a foreign language is becoming increasingly important. There is great demand for personnel with foreign language skills: international organisations such as the EU or the UN, international banking, import/export trade, airlines and the tourist industry; also, journalism, public relations, secretarial, translating, interpreting, communication technology, publishing and teaching.

**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: AQA**