

Welcome to Year 12 French!

Type of course: 2 year linear (final exams in Yr 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

Link to specification: <http://aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652/>

Content of exams:

- **Paper 1** - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation (F to E and E to F)
 - based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
 - 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
- **Paper 2** - Essay paper – written in French
 - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
 - 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
 - Film to be studied (start Autumn Yr 12) 'Au Revoir Les Enfants'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCMwCRix7tE> (no subtitles)
 - Book to be studied (start at end of Yr 12) 'L'Etranger', Albert Camus
free pdf ebook available here: <https://www.anthropomada.com/bibliotheque/CAMUS-Letranger.pdf>
- **Paper 3** – Speaking
 - Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Yrs 12 and 13
 - Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
 - Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

Year 12 topic content:

- La famille
- La cyber-société
- Le rôle du bénévolat
- La patrimoine
- La musique francophone contemporaine
- Le septième art

Year 13 topic content:

- Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique
- Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir ?
- La politique et l'immigration
- Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse
- Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?
- Comment on traite les criminels

You will need:

- A5 journal/notebook for vocabulary
- A4 lever arch file (big and tall) 
- A4 loose leaf paper
- Set of at least 10 dividers
- Textbook (Can be second hand but make sure it's the correct edition):
AQA French A Level Year 1 and AS, Pike, Povey, Shannon, Oxford, 2016
ISBN 978 019 836688 1
- Grammar workbook (Second hand not advisable as you'll be writing in this. Make sure it's the correct edition):
AQA French Grammar and Translation Workbook A Level and AS, Harrison, Oxford, 2017
ISBN 978 019 841553 4



To do before term starts:

1 Grammar – *required learning***.**

Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular -er, -re and -ir verbs
- Past tense / passé composé (and when to use avoir/être and how any endings change with être)
- Reflexive verbs and use of être in past tense
- Imperfect tense (j'étais)
- Future tense with aller (je vais manger) and future tense with avoir endings (je mangerai)

- Adjective endings and when they are used

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

- www.languagesonline.org.uk (scroll down to the more advanced/GCSE exercises)
- BBC Bitesize French <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9dqxnb>

2 Online learning – topic vocabulary, phrases, expressions *required learning*****

- Quizlet - Year 12 French - <https://quizlet.com/join/ctMcZKqZy>
- Memrise - Yr 12 French <https://www.memrise.com/group/402291/>
- Duolingo Yr 12 French <https://www.duolingo.com/o/ywjusi>
- Also try this Kahoot game: [French grammar quiz](#)

Choose a selection of activities from each of the following categories

3 Films to watch online

- Ultimate list of French films on Netflix: <https://frenchflicks.com/read-49/items/watch-french-films-on-netflix-2019.html>
- Ultimate list of French films on Amazon Prime <https://frenchflicks.com/read/items/the-best-french-films-on-amazon-prime.html>
- 100 Best French movies of all time <https://www.timeout.com/paris/en/film/best-french-movies>
- Les Intouchables
- Le Fabuleux Destin de Amélie Poulain / Amélie
- Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis
- La vie en Rose
- La Haine

4 Music, Books and Podcasts

- Discover French music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/search/musique%20francaise>
- Find a French song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete 'advanced' (or even 'expert'?!): <https://lyricstraining.com/fr/>
- With a free Suffolk Libraries card you can access thousands of international newspapers and publications in many languages through the PressReader app for free. Instructions on how to set this up <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/elibrary/press-reader/>
- Find some French language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly
- Discover the Asterix and Tintin series

5 News and current affairs

- News in Slow French: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3sbOvAVL6lIdMjop1r4i1G>
- <https://www.1jour1actu.com/> watch at least one episode of news every week (the animated videos are very good), making a note of ANYTHING you understand and ignoring what you don't for now:
- Start following at least 3 different French language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from a range of French-speaking countries, or even a selection from each continent
- Research: What are the political parties in France? (also compare to Belgium / Switzerland / another French-speaking country in the world) Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

6 Social Media

- Start a collection of French language memes
- Follow a range of French language social media accounts: you could start by looking at our **@mfl_abbeygate** page on IG and choosing the French language accounts from our following list.
- Find out who the current social media influencers are in France, Belgium and Switzerland
- Follow a range of French social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests

7 Other ideas

- Find a French recipe and try it out
- Research a topic of your interest related to France or a French-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
- Vlog your summer in French, create memes, write a song, a poem or a story – get creative!
- Find out more about other countries across the world which have French as an official language: <https://www.francophonie.org/>
- Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the
 - Départements de France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3246>
 - Cities in France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3103> more difficult version: <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3327>
 - Regions of France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3331>
- Research these opportunities for visiting France:
 - <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/france/>
 - <https://www.concordia.fr/eng>
- Find your preferred online dictionary
 - www.larousse.com
 - www.reverso.net
 - www.WordRef.com - online dictionaries in a number of languages
 - www.verbix.com - online verb conjugator
 - www.collinsdictionaries.com
 - www.bab.la
 - www.pons.com
 - www.lexicool.com
 - <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
- And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
 - **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool www.linguee.com
 - **DeepL** - even more advanced than Linguee - www.deepl.com
- Find a range of French language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
- Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into French