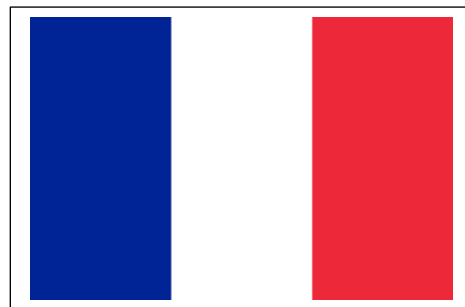




Bridging work

FRENCH



Why study A Level?

French A Level is an exciting next step if you enjoy languages and want to build your confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing. It gives you the chance to explore French culture, current issues, films and literature while developing valuable skills such as communication, critical thinking and problem-solving. Studying French can make university applications stand out and open doors to opportunities for travel, study and work in French-speaking countries around the world. Whether you are interested in business, law, politics, teaching or simply want to keep your options open, French A Level is a rewarding subject that can broaden your horizons and give you a valuable skill for the future.

The purpose of the bridging unit

The French bridging unit is designed to help you make the step from GCSE to A Level French with confidence. It gives you the chance to build on the language skills you've already developed, while introducing you to some of the topics, vocabulary and independent learning skills you'll use at A Level. Completing the Bridging Unit will help you develop your French over the summer, strengthen your language skills and give you a head start when you begin the course in September.

Contents

A-Level at a glance

The AQA A Level French course develops your language skills while giving you a deeper understanding of French-speaking society, culture and current affairs.

Topics studied include:

- Changes in French family life and relationships
- The "cyber-society" and the role of technology
- The place of voluntary work in society
- Diversity and multiculturalism in French-speaking countries



- Marginalised groups and social inclusion
- Criminality and prison systems
- French culture, including music and cinema
- Political engagement and demonstrations
- Immigration and integration

You will also:

- Study a French film and a French literary text
- Complete an individual research project on a topic of your choice related to the French-speaking world
- Develop advanced speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- Build your confidence in communicating in French on a wide range of issues

Assessment

- Listening, Reading and Writing exams
- A Writing exam based on the film and book studied
- A Speaking exam including discussion of a topic you have researched independently

GCSE to A Level French Bridging Tasks

Task 1: Grammar and Vocabulary Refresher

Create a revision booklet or digital presentation covering:

Grammar

- Present tense
- Perfect tense
- Imperfect tense
- Future tense



- Conditional tense

For each tense:

- Explain how it is formed.
- Write three example sentences in French.
- Translate them into English.

Vocabulary

Learn and record 30 new words or phrases linked to:

- Family and relationships
- Technology and social media
- Education
- French-speaking society

For each word:

- Give the English translation.
- Use it in a sentence.

Outcome: A grammar and vocabulary booklet.

Task 2: Explore French Media

Engage with authentic French materials by completing:

Reading

Read one French-language article and:

- Summarise it in English (100 words).
- Record 10 new words or phrases.



- **Listening**

Listen to one French podcast, video or news report and:

- Write five facts you understood.
- Record 10 new words or phrases.

Suggested sources:

- [1jour1actu](#)
- [TV5Monde](#)
- [Franceinfo](#)
- [InnerFrench](#)

Outcome: One reading log and one listening log.

Task 3: French Culture Project

Choose one of the following:

- A French-speaking country
- A French city
- A French cultural figure (musician, actor, athlete, etc.)
- A French festival or tradition

Create a one-page poster or 3–5 slide presentation including:

- Key facts
- Interesting cultural information
- Images
- Your personal reflection on what you learned

Outcome: Poster or presentation.



Task 4: Independent Research Project

Choose a topic that genuinely interests you related to the French-speaking world.

Examples:

- French football
- Cinema
- Fashion
- Music
- Environmental issues
- Food culture
- Technology
- Politics

Produce:

- Five research questions
- A 250-word summary in **English**
- A glossary of 15 key French words or phrases connected to your topic

Outcome: Research booklet.

Optional Challenge

Watch a French Film

Choose a French-language film and complete a review.

Suggested films:

- [The Climb/L'Ascension](#)
- [Intouchables](#)
- [L'Auberge Espagnol](#)



Write:

- A short plot summary
- Your favourite character
- Your overall opinion (100–150 words)

Where can I find out more information?

- AQA, Exam board: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/french/a-level/french-7652/specification>

Authentic materials;

- [1jour1actu](#) (news for young people)
- [Franceinfo](#)
- [TV5MONDE Apprendre le français](#)
- **Listening Practice**
- [InnerFrench Podcast](#)
- [Coffee Break French](#)
- RFI Savoirs – Le français facile
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z43cjxs>

Useful resources;

- ♦ **CGP A-Level French Complete Revision & Practice:** ISBN-13: 978-1789085559
- ♦ **Practice Makes Perfect: Complete French Grammar:** ISBN-13: 978-1260463130