

# STEP UP TO 6TH FORM

KIMBERLEY SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

## French A Level AQA

### COURSE DETAILS

#### Overview

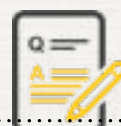
A Level French students will enjoy a wide range of opportunities both in employment and Higher Education. Success in this qualification makes prospective employers take note; they know they will have before them a disciplined, hardworking and skilled applicant with that very handy extra dimension of proficiency in a second language. A modern foreign language like French can be studied on its own – in terms of language, linguistics, literature etc – or be combined with a range of other subjects, for example when reading for a joint honours degree in French and Law (to name but one). French A level students develop strong problem-solving, communication and teamwork skills, much valued in a variety of workplaces and when applying for HE courses.



#### Aims & Themes

At Kimberley we continue to work with the AQA exam board for French A level (the same board that we use for GCSE). A level study further develops those GCSE skills, and students have the time and space to become more confident, creative and certainly fluent with the language. As your knowledge and skills expand, and your horizons broaden, you will explore a variety of themes in the French-speaking world, such as current social trends and issues, aspects of artistic culture (including music and cinema) as well as aspects of political life. For a separate paper, we study in depth a French film (La Haine) and a French novel (Kiffe Kiffe Demain). For the main part of your speaking test, you have the opportunity to research a topic of your choice – this can be almost anything or anyone related to the French-speaking world.

#### EXAMS

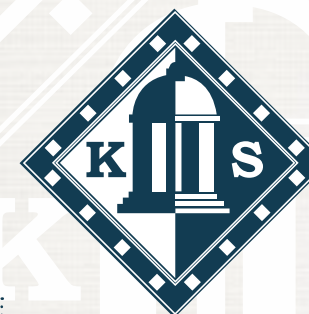


Paper 1  
Listening, Reading,  
Writing 2hrs30min  
Paper 2  
Writing 2hrs  
Paper 3  
Speaking 23min

#### LINK TO THE SPECIFICATION

See a detailed document of what we will cover in this course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652>



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#### Focus

Classes tend to be small, with very supportive teachers who will know you well and guide you to become an increasingly independent user of French. French A level can act as a stepping stone to many other disciplines at university or open many doors in the world of work. French graduates can enter careers in interpreting, translating, teaching and lecturing, journalism, tourism, diplomacy and many more.

### Work you can do to prepare for A Level study

#### Good Habits

Keep GCSE vocabulary and grammar alive. Know how to form the different tenses. Try to read a little bit of French regularly. Record yourself and listen back – challenge yourself to speak for 1 minute on a variety of GCSE topics. You can use websites like Kerboodle, BBCbitesize, Seneca or Memrise to help you with this.

#### Regular Input

Watch French news regularly. This will also broaden your knowledge of French culture and other French speaking countries. The French equivalent of BBCnewsround is called "1 jour 1 actu" : <https://www.1jour1actu.com/les-actus-a-la-une/>

#### FILM & TV



There are hundreds to choose from. Amongst others Netflix, Amazon and All 4 (Walter Presents) offer some excellent French series and films to watch.

#### MUSIC

Listen to French charts:  
<https://top40-charts.com/chart.php?cid=11>

#### USEFUL RESOURCE LINKS



[www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) (Kimberley GCSE French students currently have access to A level resources)

[www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html)

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zc7xpv4](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zc7xpv4)

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