



# French

## Examination Board

- AQA

## AS (Year 1) course background

### Topics studied

#### **Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends**

The changing nature of family, The 'cyber-society', The place of voluntary work,

#### **Artistic culture in the French-speaking world**

A culture proud of its heritage, Contemporary francophone music, Cinema: the 7th art form

### **Grammar**

### **Examinations (internal exam)**

- **Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing**

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks

45% of AS

- **Paper 2: Writing**

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

50 marks

25% of AS

- **Paper 3: Speaking**

Oral exam: 12–14 minutes

60 marks

30% of AS

## A Level (Year 2) course background

### Topics studied

#### **Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues**

Positive features of a diverse society, Life for the marginalised, How criminals are treated

#### **Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world**

Teenagers, the right to vote & political commitment, Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? Politics & immigration



## Grammar

### Examinations

- **Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

50% of A Level

- **Paper 2: Writing**

Written exam: 2 hours

80 marks

20% of A Level

- **Paper 3: Speaking**

Oral exam: 21–33 minutes

60 marks

30% of A Level

### **Useful websites / reading materials**

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| • <a href="http://www.lemonde.fr">www.lemonde.fr</a>               | • <a href="http://www.tf1.fr">www.tf1.fr</a>                     |
| • <a href="http://www.tv5.fr">www.tv5.fr</a>                       | • <a href="http://www.france2.fr">www.france2.fr</a>             |
| • <a href="http://www.la-conjugaison.fr">www.la-conjugaison.fr</a> | • <a href="http://www.femmeactuelle.fr">www.femmeactuelle.fr</a> |
| • <a href="http://www.culture.fr">www.culture.fr</a>               | • <a href="http://www.letudiant.fr">www.letudiant.fr</a>         |
| • <a href="http://www.cidj.com">www.cidj.com</a>                   | • <a href="http://www.sante.fr">www.sante.fr</a>                 |



### **Recommended study**

- Watch news in French (online / satellite TV).
- Watch TV programmes / films in French.
- Listen to French radio.
- Read French magazines / newspapers / articles related to the topics online.
- Research topics, creating fact files.
- Go back over grammar points.
- Learn vocabulary pertinent to topic areas / complex sentence structures.