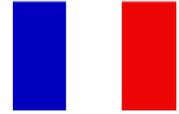
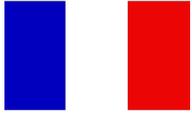


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Success in French A Level

Maximising exposure to the language

It is essential that your child **immerse themselves in French** as much as possible. They can listen to and read French at every opportunity, online, on Netflix and other platforms recommended by teachers. “Un Jour, Une Actu” is a good start for French and many students have thrived on watching the French bake off programme! In class, students should routinely address their teacher in French. Spontaneous conversation and use of transactional French are a crucial part of building progress.

Speaking practice - repetition and confidence building

Supporting your child’s speaking skills at A Level may sound ambitious but you do not need to be an expert. Listening to your child present their independent research project in French (and them seeing how impressed you are!) will be hugely beneficial. You can also discuss the issues researched in English to develop arguments, ensuring your child can justify any points they make. For a top grade, students need to defend their opinions. Have fun together!

Essay writing

Themes drawn from the film or novel/play studied can be discussed as a family in English to develop understanding and ideas. The process of explaining these topics to another person will help your child bring clarity and insight to their essays.

Kerboodle tasks

Your child will be set tasks on this highly effective online resource. In the past, this has considerably boosted listening and reading skills and vocabulary recall, as well as productive skills (speaking and writing).

Revision guide including grammar and translation workbooks

Students can read through key points and explanations, highlighting things to remember, and then make brief notes. This study can then be consolidated with workbook questions. Encourage your child to plan their revision topic by topic. Knowledge of data per topic is key for the speaking stimulus card question.

Support

French teachers Mme Drumm & Mme Smith are available for advice and support on email, google meet (and soon on site). Students have found this one to one support very beneficial. Do not hesitate to message your teacher when needed!

Specification and specimen papers

Go to the AQA A Level website and select the correct specification.

Note: French (AQA-7652)

The specification can be used as an overview of the study needed.

Students can use the specimen papers (mark schemes provided) to practise and measure progress.

