



North Halifax Grammar School – A Level Transition Work

A level French

Specification - Eduqas GCE French

<http://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/pb5dz24v/eduqas-a-level-french-spec-from-2016-r.pdf>

Course Overview

The following topics areas are studied during the 2 Year A level course:

Social issues and trends	Political, intellectual and artistic culture
<p>Being a young person in French-speaking society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families and citizenship • Youth trends and personal identity • Education and employment opportunities 	<p>Understanding the French-speaking world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities • Media, art, film and music in the French-speaking world
<p>Diversity and difference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration and integration • Cultural identity and marginalisation • Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference • Discrimination and diversity 	<p>France 1940-1950: The Occupation & post-war years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1940–May 1945 • The cultural dimension in occupied France • 1945-1950

Assessment information

The final examination is made up of three components covering two years' work:

Component	Form of assessment	Length of exam	% of marks overall
1	Speaking	21-23 minutes	30%
2	Listening, Reading and Translation	2 hours, 30 minutes	50%
3	Critical and analytical response in writing (closed book)	2 hours	20%

The independent research project:

The independent research project forms an important part of the speaking assessment at A level. It provides learners with the opportunity to choose an area of personal interest for independent study through which they will be encouraged to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of the countries or communities where French is spoken. This component gives opportunities for learners to select an aspect of study that interests them related to the countries or communities where French is spoken.



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Transition work for French A level students

Core work

- 1 Have a go at completing the exercises in the grammar booklet below, checking your answers using the answer booklet as you go along. There are lots of websites that will explain grammar and there are some links to explore throughout the booklet. If you are really struggling with a particular grammar point and need some help, please get in touch with Mrs R Berry: r.berry@nhgs.co.uk

French Grammar Booklet

https://www.nhgs.co.uk/storage/app/media/Sixth-Form/Transition_Work/MFL_Booklets/French_Booklets_2020/A-Level_TransitionWork_2020_French_Grammar_Booklet.pdf

French Grammar Booklet – Answer Sheet

https://www.nhgs.co.uk/storage/app/media/Sixth-Form/Transition_Work/MFL_Booklets/French_Booklets_2020/A-Level_TransitionWork_2020_French_Grammar_Booklet_Answers.pdf

Some good explanations of grammar can be found here:

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

<https://grammar.collinsdictionary.com/french-easy-learning>

- 2 Using the [Culture Booklet](#) research your favourite:

https://www.nhgs.co.uk/storage/app/media/Sixth-Form/Transition_Work/MFL_Booklets/French_Booklets_2020/A-Level_TransitionWork_2020_French_Culture_Booklet.pdf

- a) youtubeur
- b) artiste et chanson
- c) station de radio

Write a couple of sentences for each in French explaining why you like them and bring this along to your first French lesson in September.

Additional non-compulsory work

- Keep going practising grammar / vocabulary exercises using Language Perfect and other websites such as:

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

<https://www.memrise.com/courses/english/french>

<https://www.duolingo.com>

- Watch a French film or a series on Netflix
- Find listening to French a challenge?

Enhance your French listening skills by doing some of the things below:

Free online course: Intermediate French: Understanding spoken French

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/intermediate-french-understanding-spoken-french/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>



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Listen to the news in slow French on a weekly basis: with transcripts:

https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpLfzBRCRARIsAHuj6qXKpCbPY58P_LC43kVMPybdMJY9NIY09pv0n54X0JbsJP-sHR3saucaAk6NEALw_wcB

10 minute a day listening?

Journal en français facile (Newspaper in easy French)

It isn't very easy, but it is a 10 minute news report each evening that you can just listen to when you like- You are not expect you to understand everything.

<https://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/apprendre-enseigner/langue-francaise/journal-en-francais-facile>

France info en direct (France news live on the radio):

<https://www.francetvinfo.fr/en-direct/radio.html>

As above, but live on TV

<https://www.francetvinfo.fr/en-direct/tv.html>

Listen to French radio stations regularly: please see the list in the culture booklet.

Enjoy fairy tales?

Explore the following links to listen to fairy tales in French with English subtitles and translations:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCub5dBzD6H9Qc06ZJms9Ggg>

<https://www.thefablecottage.com/>