

Subject: FRENCH

Level: HIGHER/ ADVANCED HIGHER

Exam / assessment requirements	
Higher Writing assignment- completed in exam conditions over 2-3 lessons, externally marked by SQA (20 marks) Talking assessment- 8-10 minute recorded conversation with teacher (30 marks). <u>Final exam</u> - Listening (20 marks) 30 mins Reading (30 marks) & Directed Writing (20 marks) 2 hours	
Advanced Higher Portfolio (1200 word English essay on French film, book, poetry, drama) (30 Marks) Talking Performance with external examiner (50 marks) 20 mins <u>Final exam</u> - Reading (30 marks) & Translation (20 marks) 1 hour 30 Listening (30 marks) & Discursive Writing (40 marks) 1 hour 20	
Revision tools / materials (signposts)	
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, TOPIC REVISION & GRAMMAR http://courses.scholar.hw.ac.uk/vle/scholar/	
GRAMMAR PRACTICE & EXPLANATIONS Français Interactif http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/ French About http://french.about.com/od/tests/ Bonjour de France http://www.bonjourdefrance.co.uk (test your level of French) BBC http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zwm72hv/revision Languagesonline http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm Verb Conjugation www.conjugation-fr.com	
NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS	
TV	
News in Slow	https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/
Euronews	http://www.euronews.com/
TV5 Monde	http://www.tv5monde.com/ (international French-language TV) http://enseigner.tv5monde.com/
France 2	http://www.france2.fr/ (national, main public TV network)
France 3	http://www.france3.fr/ (national, public)
France 5	http://www.france5.fr/ (national, public, educational)
TF1	http://www.tf1.fr/ (national, commercial)
M6	http://www.6play.fr/m6 (national, commercial)
La Chaîne Info	http://lci.tf1.fr/ (rolling news)
France 24	http://www.france24.com/en/ (global news channel)
Canal Plus	http://www.canalplus.fr/ (national, subscription channel)
Newspapers	
Press Reader App	
Le Monde	http://www.lemonde.fr/ (respected national daily)
Liberation	http://www.liberation.fr/ (centre-left leaning)

Le Figaro	http://www.lefigaro.fr/ (national daily, centre-right leaning)
Ouest France	http://www.ouest-france.fr/ (Rennes-based; France's best-selling daily)
L'Express	http://www.lexpress.fr/ (news weekly)
Le Point	http://www.lepoint.fr/ (news weekly)

FRENCH MUSIC AND RADIO

Radio France	http://www.radiofrance.fr/ (operates national and regional outlets)
Radio France Internationale	http://www.rfi.fr/ (international broadcaster)
Europe 1	http://www.europe1.fr/direct-audio (news and entertainment)
RTL	http://www.rtl.fr/direct (major commercial station, speech and music)
NRJ	http://www.nrj.fr/ (commercial, leading hit music network, chart music)

PAST PAPERS, REVISION & EXAM TIPS SQA <http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers>

DISCURSIVE ESSAY WRITING

Lingualive <http://www.lingualive.co.uk/discursive.htm>

ONLINE DICTIONARY

Wordreference www.wordreference.com

Revision techniques / study skills

Look, Cover, Write, Check!-Do regular vocabulary revision on the contexts/ topics from your notes, booklets and essays.

Prepare some very good phrases on each topic to include in essays & talks

Revise openers, connectors, endings and essay phrases

Use Scholar regularly. Mark your work.

Keep abreast of current affairs and **immerse** yourselves in French as much as possible outside the classroom using podcasts, music and TV

Review grammar notes regularly & **practice** using new constructions

Complete as many past papers as you can and **closely examine** transcripts and SQA Marking Instructions.

Any other relevant information

Topics for both courses are within the four contexts of society, learning, employability and culture relating to countries where French is spoken.