

MFL A level specification mapping grid:

AQA to Edexcel

Our new A levels will inspire learners and give them skills for life, enabling them to use language independently and encouraging a deeper understanding of the integration between language and culture. A variety of themes will cater for a range of student interests, and our qualifications will support students who see languages as a skill to enhance career or travel prospects, as well as those who want to continue to study languages at a higher level.

The new A levels will be taught from September 2016. We're here to help you in the run up to change and during the implementation of the new specifications. To help you compare specifications, please consult the summary below.

Key changes to A level – common to all awarding organisations

- Standalone AS qualification (no longer counting towards the A level)
- Compulsory literature and/or film
- Independent research project assessed through the A level oral
- Critical and analytical thinking assessed through essay in target language
- Translation into and out of the target language
- Summarising information from spoken and written sources
- Renewed focus on culture with a specific assessment objective (AO4) to assess knowledge and understanding of the TL culture

New compulsory themes	2016 Edexcel specification	2008 AQA specification
Year 1		
Social issues and trends	French Evolving society in France: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing family structures • Education • The world of work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy living/lifestyle: Sport/exercise; health and well-being; holidays • Family/relationships: relationships within the family; friendships; marriage/partnerships

	<p>German Evolving society in Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural living • Education • The world of work 	
	<p>Spanish Evolving society in Spain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing family structures • The world of work • Impact of tourism on Spain 	
Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture	<p>French Political and artistic culture in francophone countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Media • Festivals and traditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media: television; advertising; communication technology Popular culture: cinema; music; fashion/trends
	<p>German Political and artistic culture in the German-speaking world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Media • Festivals and traditions 	
	<p>Spanish Political and artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Media • Festivals and traditions 	
Year 2		
Social issues and trends	<p>French Immigration and the French multicultural society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration and multiculturalism • Rise of the far right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment: pollution; energy; protecting the planet • The multicultural society: immigration; integration; racism • Contemporary social issues: wealth and poverty; law and order; impact of scientific and

	<p>German Immigration and the German multicultural society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration and multiculturalism • Economic and social impact of immigration 	technological progress
	<p>Spanish Immigration and the Spanish multicultural society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical and contemporary immigration • Integration and multiculturalism 	
Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture	<p>French The Occupation and Resistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation • The Resistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural topic: A target language-speaking region/community/ A period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community/ An author from a target language-speaking country/community/ A dramatist or poet from a target language speaking country/community / A director, architect, musician or painter from a target language-speaking country/community
	<p>German German Reunification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society in the German Democratic Republic before reunification • Germany since reunification 	
	<p>Spanish The Franco dictatorship and transition to democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Franco dictatorship • From dictatorship to democracy 	

Support

We will have comprehensive support in place to help you navigate the new specifications, plan effective teaching and learning strategies for 2016, and ultimately enable your students to achieve the outcomes they are capable of.