

Arabic

AS/A Level

Edexcel

Structure & Specification

Year 1: AS 8AR01

Year 2: A2 9AR01

Syllabus details

Edexcel 9602 syllabus is followed.

What does the course include?

Year One AS

Unit One: This unit focuses on the development of the four main skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – with regular reinforcement of grammar points linked to the texts. We study topics drawn from the following general topic areas: *Day-to day Matters*;

- Youth culture and concerns.
- Lifestyle, health and fitness.
- The world around us; travel, tourism, environmental issues and the Arabic speaking world.
- Education and employment.

We study materials from newspapers, magazines and discuss them in class. In addition, topical Arabic current affairs reports from the Press and Media are used to broaden your interest and knowledge of Arabic culture. You will begin to see your field of study in a broader inter-cultural perspective.

Year Two- A2

Unit Two: Further General Topic Areas are studied:

- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions.
- National and International events: past, present and future.
- Literature and the arts.

As for AS level, the sources are contemporary. The different aspects of Arabic society are studied in greater depth. You learn how to develop your information seeking skills by undertaking research into an issue of your choice which must relate to Arabic culture and/or Arabic society. You have the opportunity to use the Internet and the networked software. You also focus your study on prescribed text in Arabic to broaden your experience and understanding of Arabic language.

How will I learn?

You have the opportunity to discuss and debate topics in class. Listening activities are based on authentic Arabic materials, using the satellite TV channels in lessons. You will work in groups and individually. Reading, listening to the radio, watching Arabic films and documentaries are greatly encouraged in your spare time. Any opportunity will also be used to improve your Arabic in different contexts and in wider registers – for example through poetry and songs. ICT is widely used through on-line materials and computer software. You will be expected throughout the course to use the VLE and the language facilities in the LDC.

How will my work be assessed?

AS: Unit 1. Understanding and written response in Arabic. (100%)

A2: Unit 2. Understanding, written response and research in Arabic. (100%)

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

Above all you need to be committed, prepared to work hard and be reliable. You will also need excellent attendance and especially to have a love of the Arabic language and culture.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade C in Arabic GCSE but grade B is preferable.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Knowledge of foreign languages is a real asset in many jobs and can lead to exciting careers both in the UK and abroad.