

A Level Turkish

Explore Turkish language, culture and society in greater depth

A Level Turkish gives students the opportunity to develop a sophisticated command of the Turkish language while exploring the society, history, literature and culture of Turkey and Cyprus.

The course goes well beyond everyday communication. Students learn to understand and respond to more complex spoken and written Turkish, express ideas clearly and accurately, analyse different viewpoints and translate between Turkish and English.

It is an academically demanding and rewarding subject that develops language skills alongside independent thinking, research and written analysis.

What will I study?

Students explore a range of themes connected to life in Turkey and Cyprus, including:

- changes in Turkish society, family life and employment
- modern and traditional art, culture and media
- life in urban and rural areas
- the environment, tourism and economic change
- political and social developments in Turkey
- the history and continuing influence of Atatürk's reforms
- the experiences of refugees in modern Turkey

Students also study two Turkish works. These will normally be either two literary texts or one literary text and one film. This gives students the opportunity to examine characters, themes, ideas and cultural context in detail.

The course also includes an independent research project. Students investigate an agreed aspect of Turkish or Cypriot society and culture, using authentic Turkish-language sources and developing their own conclusions.

What skills will I develop?

Throughout the course, students develop their ability to:

- read and understand a wide range of Turkish texts
- listen to and interpret spoken Turkish
- write accurately and confidently for different purposes
- translate from Turkish into English and from English into Turkish

- analyse literature, film and contemporary issues
- research information independently
- construct clear arguments supported by evidence
- evaluate different opinions and reach informed conclusions

Although spoken Turkish is not examined separately, students will continue to develop their confidence and fluency in using the language during lessons.

How will I be assessed?

The qualification is assessed through three examinations taken at the end of the course.

Students complete tasks involving:

- translation into English
- reading comprehension
- independent research and extended writing
- translation into Turkish
- written responses to literary texts or film
- listening comprehension
- combined listening, reading and writing activities

There is no coursework and no separate speaking examination. All three papers are externally set and marked.

Who is the course suitable for?

A Level Turkish is suitable for students who already have a strong understanding of Turkish and are ready to develop more advanced reading, listening and writing skills.

Students do not necessarily need to have taken GCSE Turkish, although they will need sufficient knowledge of the language to work successfully at A Level. The school's precise entry requirements and assessment process will be confirmed shortly.

Where could A Level Turkish lead?

A Level Turkish is a recognised Level 3 qualification that can support progression to university, further study, apprenticeships and employment.

The course develops skills that are valuable across many subjects and careers, including languages, law, international relations, journalism, education, business, translation, public services and work involving Turkish-speaking communities.