

A level Subject Information

Subject: Irish

What the subject is about:

Irish at AS level gives students the opportunity to build on their success at GCSE and explore the language in a broader context. It encourages students to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in the language for a variety of purposes.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	Season when first taken	Brief outline of main content. (Identify where coursework or practical forms part or all of a module)
AS 1	13 mins	Summer Year 13	Speaking Presentation and Conversation worth 70 marks 35% of AS and 17.5% of A level
AS 2	2hrs 45 mins	Summer Year 13	Listening, Reading and Extended Writing Paper worth 130 marks in total. 65% of AS and 32.5% of A level
A2 1	15 mins	Summer Year 14	Speaking Discussion based on societal theme and conversation worth 70 marks. 17.5% of A level
A2 2	3 hrs	Summer Year 14	Listening, Reading and Writing Paper worth 130 marks. 32.5% of A level

Entry requirements:

Compulsory GCSE subjects	Grade	Desirable subjects	Grade
Irish	A	English language	A

Qualities / skills needed to succeed in the course

Students wishing to study Irish at AS level should have good communication skills and a keen interest in the Irish language and culture, particularly in the Gaeltacht. They should be willing to participate in the extra-curricular dimensions of the Irish language.