

## ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE FORWARD



Alexandre Lacazette has been a Gunner since joining from Lyon in July 2017. The striker immediately became a popular and important player for the team.

He won the Community Shield in his first Arsenal appearance after victory over Chelsea. Having drawn the game 1-1, Arsenal went on to win on penalties. Alexandre only had to wait five more days for his first goal for the club. A pinpoint header in a 4-3 win against Leicester City showed the fans what a cool finisher the new man was.

His friendship with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has led to an understanding on the pitch. The two players combine very well and compliment each

other's playing style. As a result, the Arsenal fans have seen their famous handshake celebration many times over the past couple of seasons!

He has been involved in the France national team and has scored three goals for his country so far. He made his debut for Les Bleus against Uruguay in June 2013, coming on as a substitute for ex-Arsenal striker, Olivier Giroud. Alexandre was unfortunate to miss out on the World Cup squad in 2018. Hopefully he will get the chances he deserves on the international scene in the future.

Amazingly, as a child Alexandre wanted to play as a goalkeeper but his mother persuaded him to play outfield. She felt that being a goalkeeper was too dangerous; Alexandre must be happy he listened to her advice! He went on to play for Lyon, in the city in which he was born. Alexandre scored exactly 100 goals for his hometown club before moving to north London.

His clinical finishing, intelligent movement and power make him one of the best strikers in the Premier League. Alexandre pops up in the right place at the right time to score important goals. Currently at the peak of his career, Arsenal fans hope he continues to score goals and entertain for many more years.



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- Against which team did Alexandre score his first Arsenal goal?

West Ham	Leicester City
Chelsea	Lyon
- Who persuaded Alexandre to stop being a goalkeeper?

His Teacher	His Coach
His Father	His Mother
- “Alexandre scored exactly 100 goals for his hometown club...” What type of word is **hometown** in this sentence?

Noun	Adjective
Adverb	Verb
- “...he deserves on the international scene in the future.” What does the prefix **inter** mean?

Behind	Before
Between	Above
- Put these events from Alexandre’s career in order.

Number from 1 for the earliest event to 4 for the most recent event.

- Left his hometown club
- Was persuaded to play outfield
- Scored his first goal for Arsenal
- Made his debut for France



ANSWERS: 1) Leicester City 2) His Mother 3) Adjective 4) Between 5) From top: 3, 1, 4, 2.