



# ABBEGATE

## Sixth Form College

# FRENCH

Entry requirements: Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 - 9,  
minimum Grade 5 French

## STUDENT PROFILE

This course will appeal to those students who:

- are interested in languages and communication and enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life
- are interested in the business world, travel, tourism, literature, journalism or the media.

Often, you can choose the topic or question to suit your interests. Whether you plan to use language for work, or further study, training or leisure, this is the course for you.

## PROGRESSION

- Some students choose to do degree courses in languages; others choose to pursue a higher education course in another subject, but choose a language option alongside it
- Having a language at A-level improves your employability, particularly in companies with international branches
- Whether you are interested in continuing your studies or working at home or abroad, a language course at A-level is an excellent step towards achieving your goals.

## STUDENT VIEW

"My experiences of A-level French were all positive. The course covers a wide range of interesting topics that got me thinking about issues I wouldn't normally have considered."

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## COURSE CONTENT

### Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

#### What's assessed:

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
- Translation into English; minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Translation into French; minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Grammar.

#### How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes 100 marks 50 % of A-level
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment.

### Paper 2: Writing

#### What's assessed:

- One text and one film, or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar.

#### How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours 80 marks in total 20 % of A-level
- No access to texts or films during the assessment
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment
- Students are advised to write approximately 300 words per essay.

### Paper 3: Speaking

#### What's assessed:

- Individual research project
- One of four sub-themes i.e. Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Artistic Culture in the French-speaking world, Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world.

#### How it's assessed:

- Oral examination: 21 – 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) 60 marks in total 30 % of A-level
- Discussion of a sub-theme based on a stimulus card 5 – 6 minutes (25 marks)
- Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks)
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment (including the 5 minutes preparation).

