



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



French

Why study French at A Level?

“ *If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language that goes to his heart.* ”

Nelson Mandela

Language learning opens a world of opportunities. Not only is speaking another language vital in an international world but it enhances communications skills, provides better opportunities for employment, raises cultural and self-awareness and provides a more dynamic skill set.



Course Content



Lower Sixth:

- **Social Issues and Trends** including the changing nature of family, cyberspace and voluntary work.
- **Artistic Culture** including a culture proud of its heritage, contemporary francophone music and cinema.
- **A Literary Text or Film** - students analyse, evaluate and critique a choice of either a literary text or film with strong roots in French culture. Grammar features strongly throughout.

Assessment

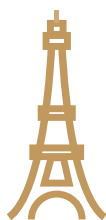
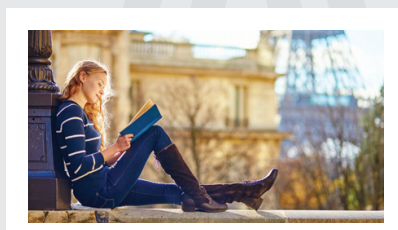
- 1 x Listening, reading and translation exam (80 marks) 40% of AS Level
- 1 x Writing exam (60 marks) 30% of AS Level
- 1 x Speaking exam (60 marks) 30% of AS Level

Upper Sixth:

- **Current Issues** including positive features of a diverse society, life for the marginalised, how criminals are treated.
- **Aspects of Political Life** including teenagers and political commitment, demonstrations and immigration.
- **A Literary Text or Film** - continuation from AS Level
- **Individual Research Project** - linked to one of the subtopics studied. Grammar features strongly throughout.

Assessment

- 1 x Listening, reading and translation exam (160 marks) 40% of A Level
- 1 x Writing exam (90 marks) 30% of A Level
- 1 x Speaking exam (60 marks) 30% of A Level



SKILLS
obtained by
studying
French:

- Proficiency in an additional language other than English
- Communication and problem solving skills
- Cultural awareness
- An area of expertise which can complement any job or degree course