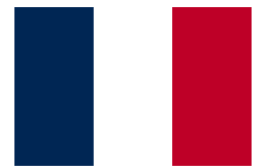




Year 7

Department of French



OVERVIEW

KS3 French covers years 7, 8 and 9 and has an emphasis on communicating in French. We aim to provide your daughter with an opportunity to discover another culture, foster her curiosity and deepen her understanding of the world. KS3 forms the groundwork for GCSE, and during the course of KS3, she will develop the ability to express her ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. We aim to ensure that you daughter will be able to:

- ❖ understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- ❖ speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what she wants to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of her pronunciation and intonation.
- ❖ can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that she has learnt.
- ❖ discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in French.

Skills Developed

- Working independently
- Working in pairs and groups
- Communication skills
- Asking for and giving information
- Listening
- Reading skills, including reading for gist and detail
- Writing skills
- Understanding culture and life in France

Topics covered

- **Learning key phonics to be able to pronounce unfamiliar words**
- **Bonjour!**
 - Saying hello and goodbye
 - Asking someone's name and giving your own
 - Saying how old you are
 - Talking about objects in the classroom
 - Classroom language – asking for help and using French
 - Counting to 20
- **J'habite ici**
 - Saying where you live and asking other people where they live
 - Counting to 30
- **Chez moi**
 - Talking about your family and your home
 - Saying where things are

- Knowing the days of the week

Les animaux

- Talking about pets
- Describing animals and other things
- Talking about your likes and dislikes
- Using the French alphabet

● **Des fêtes et des festivals**

- Asking for and giving the date
- Discussing important events in the year
- Talking about some clothes
- Talking about birthdays and presents

● **Qu'est-ce que tu fais?**

- Talking about the weather
- Talking about the seasons
- Talking about sport and other leisure activities
- Counting to 100

● **Une ville de France**

- Talking about places in town

● **Une journée scolaire**

- Asking and giving the time
- Understanding and telling the time
- Talking about school subjects

● **C'est bon ça!**

- Talking about food and drink
- Accepting or refusing food
- Talking about food you like and dislike

● **Amuse-toi bien!**

- Using the 24 hour clock
- Talking about what you do to help at home

Grammar topics covered:

- Present Tense Verbs (regular ER verbs and some basic irregular)
- How to say to/at/in followed by a place
- Use of Adjectives (position and agreement)
- Possessive Adjectives
- Negative sentences

How we assess your daughter's progress

- There will be regular vocabulary and grammar tests, as well as end-of-unit assessments.

- Homework will be given after every lesson (20 minutes) and may be learning for a vocabulary test, or revising for an end-of-unit test, or may be a reading exercise or a piece of creative writing.
- All creative writing and assessments will be marked and graded, and your daughter will be given clear guidance on what she has done well and what she needs to do in order to improve.
- Progress of the class will also be assessed during lessons and your daughter's teacher will adapt the lesson according to the needs of the class.

How we support and develop your daughter

- Every pupil will be issued with a tracking sheet to monitor her own progress
- Every pupil also has access to online vocab learning applications for revision

How you can help your daughter

- Help your daughter to learn new vocabulary. Everyone has different methods to learn vocabulary so help your daughter to discover which is the best one for her. Some use flashcards, some rewrite the words several times, some use the "learn, cover and write technique", some prefer to stick the words around the house, some use apps, such as Vocabexpress or Quizlet. There is no "one size fits all method" – the best way is to encourage your daughter to experiment to see which suits her, and to encourage her to learn vocabulary over a longer time period. The real key to learning vocabulary is little and often.
- Help her to understand how to use a dictionary
- Listen to her reading aloud in order to improve her pronunciation, accent and fluency
- Review the feedback with your daughter following class tests, focussing on areas to improve, ensuring that she has completed corrections or has caught up with missing work.
- Help her to locate French radio online or French films on Netflix (but please check the age appropriate certificate first!) Listening to French music on YouTube can really help to improve your daughter's understanding of French and increase her enthusiasm for the language. It will also help your daughter to develop a good understanding of French culture.
- There are a wealth of resources available online; a search for any topic will quickly return many suitable resources
- Some suggested websites:
 - ❖ www.languagesonline.org.uk
 - ❖ www.languageskills.co.uk (free after 4pm)
 - ❖ www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french
 - ❖ www.linguascope.com
 - ❖ www.duolingo.com
 - ❖ www.memrise.com
 - ❖ www.language-gym.com
- CGP also produce workbooks and revision guides