



FRENCH CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Key Stage 3

Transition Stage

Some students will have some knowledge of French as they might have studied it in primary school. The course will enable them to use French to express their ideas and opinions about their lives and the environment they live in and understand and respond to spoken and written language.

Students engage in constant comparison between target language and English in terms of vocabulary, grammar and syntax which strengthens their ability to recognise and apply a variety of language structures and styles as well as grammatical patterns and rules.

Foundation Stage

At the Foundation Stage, students continue to develop their language skills as key Y7 topics are extended and addressed in more depth and detail. Leisure activities incorporate learning about holiday destinations and activities in French speaking countries and describing past, present or future holidays.

Students learn about topics including music, television and film genre interests and preferences. Students consider and describe the role of mobile telephones and fashion in their lives and share ideas about their uniform in primary and secondary schools.

Key Stage 4

Examination Stage

The French GCSE further develop students' key grammatical structures, language patterns and knowledge of different time frames and extend students' vocabulary to allow them to give, discuss and justify opinions accurately in an increasing range of tenses.

Students continue to develop and apply their literacy and numeracy skills through continuous comparison between target language and English vocabulary, syntax and grammar.

Key Stage 5

Advanced Stage

The A Level course constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society and it fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research and organisational skills and creativity, which are so valuable to the individual and society.

Students are also invited to reflect on modern life further as they identify – within their own setting and the setting of a francophone society - the role of the internet and new technologies (and the impact of famous public figures and their potential of being important role models).