

French

Aims of the course

As part of the course you will build on what you have already learnt, enabling you to cope in everyday situations in the country/countries where the language is spoken. In addition, you will learn about and come to understand aspects of everyday life and the traditions which are followed. IT is encouraged where appropriate and key skills like oral and communication skills are enhanced throughout the course.

Attractions of the course

- Studying French offers an insight into the language and culture of metropolitan France and opens on to an exciting spectrum of cultures throughout the world.
- Over 20,000 English words have their origins in the French language, which not only makes learning French easier for you but also enables you to increase your English vocabulary at the same time.
- French is spoken as an official language in some 43 countries around the world and is the only language other than English spoken on 5 continents.
- French is consistently the preferred foreign language required by the greater number of job adverts.
- France is the worlds major tourist destination
- For those with appropriate French skills there are possibilities for employment (building a career rather than keeping a job) in the following fields: International business, International Marketing and sales, Accountancy, Law , Banking, Journalism, Radio, Television, the Diplomatic Service, teaching, translating, interpreting, and in International agencies such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the International Olympic Committee, the Council of Europe, and the European Union where French along with English is the official language. France is also second in the world in commercial aircraft production, first in trains, third in rocketry, and fourth in automobiles not to mention its prominent position among world leaders in hydroelectric and nuclear power.
- You may already have taken the opportunity to go to France with the college on the year 8 trip or on the French exchange. Through studying French to a higher level you will be able to take advantage of opportunities to visit France again, perhaps to stay with a family or to work when you are older.

Commitment necessary

You will use French as much as possible in class and you will need to learn vocabulary on a regular basis and complete all homework on time. The course we are following includes a coursework option worth 25%. This begins in year 11.

Content

During the course you will cover a range of themes and modules:

My World, Holiday Time and Travel, Work and Lifestyle, The Young Person in Society.

Assessment

Students will also be assessed in Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. At GCSE there is a separate examination in each of these four skills. You will be encouraged to buy a French dictionary and use it during the course to help you with your learning.

How to find out more:

Please ask Ms A. Clarke, Ms M. O'Boyle or Ms. J Moffett