

FRENCH in Year 8

What are the main things I will study in Y8?

- You will learn about the culture of Francophone countries (Places to visit in Paris, French TV, films and music, Food).
- Your teacher will speak to you in French and you will be expected to respond in French as much as possible.
- You will be practising the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.
- Grammar and vocabulary learning will also play an important role throughout the course.

Who is this course best suited to?

- Learning a foreign language can build your communication, interpersonal, intercultural, and public speaking skills.
- French is for those who enjoy learning about other cultures and
- Who are willing to communicate their ideas and who have a desire to learn another language.

What will I be doing in lessons?

- The structure of your lessons will be similar to Year 7. You will practice the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. You will also be expected to learn grammar rules and do translations in French and into English.
- Vocab learning is essential and we recommend that you use your vocab book, memrise and techniques such as making flashcards or the Look, Cover, Write, Check method to learn and revise vocabulary. It is expected that you regularly look over vocab that you have previously learnt.
- Students often ask how they can improve their listening skills. You could watch a Netflix show with the audio language changed to French but with English subtitles. On Netflix there are several French languages films and series. Channel 4 also have French shows on their All4 platform. If you want to hear French radio, then why not find a station online?
- We also suggest keeping your book neat and tidy and to go over your notes regularly.

What careers or further study can I go on to if I continue with French?

We would recommend that you continue with French into Year 9, as this will prepare you for GCSE study.

In Yr 10 and 11, students prepare for the Edexcel GCSE in French and you can choose to carry on and study French as an A Level subject, if you achieve the entry requirement of a grade 6.

Having a language at GCSE and A Level will give you access to a wide range of jobs and further education in the future. Graduates in Modern Languages are amongst the most employable and the job opportunities are now far and wide across the world. Even having French at GCSE will make you stand out to certain employers. The job opportunities on offer to language graduates include tourism, government, politics, media, publishing, journalism, education, fashion or law.

In short, why should I take this course?

French is a great choice, regardless of what your plans are for the future. Not only will you have the ability to communicate in a different language, but employers, colleges and universities will look favourably on your application as languages are perceived to be a more challenging GCSE subject.

Who can I contact for further details?

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