



Subject: French

Vision

Our vision is that students will enjoy their studies and develop a secure understanding both of the French language and of language learning. They will cumulatively acquire a wide and flexible vocabulary and learn to understand spoken texts and communicate clearly and confidently. They will also develop a secure understanding of the grammatical structures of French and become confident in using these independently. They will improve their overall literacy by comparing the structures and vocabulary of French to those of English and learn the transferable metacognitive skills to become learners of any language, as well as developing a rich understanding of the culture of France and French speaking countries. We aim for all students to succeed and be inspired to continue their learning outside the classroom.

Key Stage	Learning content
Years 7, 8 & 9	Regular present tense verbs, full paradigm of aller/ avoir, être, some common irregular verbs in first and third person singular. Infinitive constructions. Perfect tense full paradigm. Imperfect tense full paradigm. Future full paradigm. Conditional singular verb forms. Perfect infinitives. Sequence of tenses in si clauses. Question words and forming questions. Adjectives and agreement, position, comparative and superlative. Intensifiers. A range of negatives. Use of the partitive. A variety of connectives, including subordinating conjunctions. Subject and object pronouns. Use of y/en. Proof-reading and translation skills. Culture : greetings, celebrations, francophone countries, famous comic book characters, Paris sights, French songs and films.
Years 10 & 11	Review of previously learnt vocabulary and structures. Pluperfect full paradigm, Perfect infinitive (avoir and être) Reflexive verbs full paradigm. Tenses with depuis. Present participle with en. Avant de, venir de (je form). Present subjunctive with bien que (ce soit / je fasse). More complex si clauses (present/future ; imperfect /conditional). More complex relative clauses (qui, ce qui, ce que, ce dont). Emphatic pronouns. More complex opinions. Comparisons with aussi. Further connectives (même si, pourtant, par contre, en revanche..). Exam skills. Culture: education, festivals in French-speaking countries, food, literary extracts.