

KS3 MFL

Course Outline:

The KS3 French course is a challenging and engaging course designed to develop the key skills that students use when speaking and understanding a modern foreign language. Students develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills whilst building on their French vocabulary. The scheme of learning runs over three years, during which students will cover 12 modules based on a variety of interesting and stimulating topics. Topics covered in Year 7 are: Introductions; Family; Home; and Town. The topics covered in Year 8 are: Routine; Leisure; Home Life; and Free Time. The topics covered in Year 9 are: Socialising & Invitations; Food; Holidays; and Friends.

Assessment:

At KS3 we regularly assess students' progress:

1. Throughout each topic, students complete listening, speaking and written assessment tasks. The first is a teacher-assessment task, the second a peer-assessment task where students assess one another's progress and the third a self-assessment task where the students assess themselves. This allows the students to develop an understanding of what is required in each topic allowing them to become more independent understanding what they need to do to improve.
2. At the end of each half term students complete 2 in class tests, one is a listening test, the other, a reading test. These are summative tests and cover all of the units the students have studied so far that in that module.
Students also complete an extended writing task at the end of each module. The extended writing tasks can be found in the independent study booklet that the students are given to accompany their French book.

Exams:

There are no exams at KS3 for French.



Option Choices:

In Year 9, students have the option to study Spanish and/or German at NVQ Level 2. An NVQ in Languages provides an exciting, practical course which develops competence in using a foreign language in a business context. **No prior knowledge of Spanish or German is needed to study for this qualification.**

Key Dates in KS3:

Students are awarded levels that they stick into their planners in October, January and May

Top Tips:

- Look, cover, copy, write & check for vocabulary tests;
- Create flashcards of key words and sentences to stick up;
- Use your little independent study booklet;
- Do homework with a partner;



- Switch the language on your own DVDs to French;
- Watch some French clips on YouTube.



Parents can help by:

Supporting your child with their homework, including testing on the vocabulary they need to learn for a test. Homework is set twice a week and should last around 30 to 40 minutes in total, sometimes longer for extended writing. Most teachers have a routine around when this is set.

Encourage your son/daughter to seek help with anything that they have found difficult.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE:

www.linguascope.co.uk (ask your teacher for the login and password)

This is a subscription website containing lots of fun languages games!

