

FRENCH

The aims of the course are to develop the ability to use French effectively for purposes of practical communication and to form a sound base for the skills, language and attitudes required for further study, work and leisure.

Lessons are conducted substantially in the target language and cover the following range of topics:

Theme 1 – Identity and Culture

- Topic 1: Me, my family and friends
- Topic 2: Technology in everyday life
- Topic 3: Free-time activities
- Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities.

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

- Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region
- Topic 2: Social issues
- Topic 3: Global issues
- Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

- Topic 1: My studies
- Topic 2: Life at school/college
- Topic 3: Education post-16
- Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

The teaching is based on a communicative approach and gives equal importance to listening, reading, speaking and writing. These activities are underpinned by the need to acquire a firm grasp of grammar and a wide vocabulary.

Students may access magazines to practise further reading in study time. In order to perfect fluency and pronunciation in Year 10 and 11, all students also attend a weekly conversation class conducted by a French teacher.

The course leads to the AQA GCSE qualification. It is assessed in the skills of writing, speaking, reading and listening by examination at the end of Year 11.