

Year 7 Curriculum Content

We will be reinforcing and extending the pupils' French experience at Key Stage 2. Areas of study include family, house and home, town and how to order snacks/drinks, the whole school day and morning/evening activities. By the end of the Year students should aim to be able to recognise and use the present and immediate future tenses, should be widening their understanding of vocabulary and key structures and should be able to give simple opinions.

Year 8 Curriculum Content

Areas of study include family, home, free time, clothes/shopping, ordering and buying food/drink and holidays. Students should now be able to aim to both recognise and use a range of tenses (past, present and immediate future) and should have greater confidence in using a wider range of key structures and vocabulary and in expressing a greater variety of opinions.

Year 9 Curriculum Content

Areas of study include going out/cultural activities, the future and careers, health, comparing the past and the present day and travel/tourism. Students should feel confident in using a wider range of tenses, key structures, vocabulary and opinions. They should also be developing their skill of translating from and into the target language.

Enrichment activities

There is no trip planned for Year 7, but it is envisaged that the French acquired in Year 7 can be built upon in Year 8 in preparation for a proposed short Year 8 Activity Week visit to France. There is a weekly lunchtime Languages Club and other enrichment activities, such as the annual Languages Bonanza.

Skills developed in KS3

Pupils will be further developing the four skills used in language learning: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Strategies will have been given for improving these four skills and, most importantly, for increasing their confidence in speaking and writing the language. Pupils will have a wide exposure to new vocabulary and grammatical structures which include handling the present, past and future verb tenses and they will have practice in translating from and into French. Pupils will also develop a general enhanced awareness of language due to the related Year 7 one hour per cycle Language Awareness course.

Textbook/ resources

We use the *Expo Rouge* series of text books: *Expo 1*, *2* and *3* in Years 7, 8 and 9 respectively. These are, naturally, backed up with a variety of other resources. From the outset we value the use of the online *Zut* and *Languages Online* websites, most particularly for assisting and enhancing vocabulary learning and for developing a facility with verb tenses and other grammatical structures.

Useful Websites

www.zut.org.uk

www.languagesonline.co.uk