



<b>Subject:</b> French
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<b>Head of Subject:</b> Mrs B Bettsworth
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<b>Year:</b> Seven
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<b>Organisation of the Subject</b>	
French is taught in form groups of 28 students. The students have two lessons per week throughout the year. Students are generally working between level 3 and 4.	
<b>Key Concepts (The big ideas underpinning the subject)</b>	<b>Key 'Learning Capacities' in this subject</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning to communicate spontaneously in the target language</li> <li>• Acquiring new vocabulary</li> <li>• Introduction to grammar</li> <li>• Cultural understanding</li> <li>• Working with others</li> <li>• Developing language learning skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdependence – help and work alongside others</li> <li>• Listening and repeating</li> <li>• Revising – reviewing work as you progress</li> <li>• Building on understanding about grammar</li> <li>• Memorising</li> <li>• Being willing to 'have a go'</li> <li>• Making links between languages</li> </ul>
<b>What will your daughter be learning?</b>	<b>How will your daughter be learning?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridging unit – personal information</li> <li>• Descriptions</li> <li>• Personalities</li> <li>• Present tense</li> <li>• School</li> <li>• Hobbies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group work and independent learning</li> <li>• By expressing herself using classroom language</li> <li>• By adapting what she has learned to express what she want to say</li> <li>• Songs and games</li> <li>• Textbook and workbook activities</li> <li>• Role plays and drama</li> </ul>
<b>How will learning be assessed?</b>	<b>What can you do to support your daughter?</b>
In September pupils are asked to complete a questionnaire on the VLE. There are then end of unit assessments in four skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. There is also peer assessment in class. After the first half term, students complete "Studio1" assessments in all skill areas.	<b>www.linguascope.com</b> (username and password from teacher) has lots of useful exercises to reinforce learning. There is also a French course on the VLE which has materials to accompany the course. Encourage your daughter to teach you some French at the same time!
<b>Equipment needed for this subject</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular / Enrichment Opportunities</b>
Standard stationery including coloured pencils, a glue stick and scissors. Two exercise books are supplied, one for class work and one for written homework. It would be helpful to have a plastic wallet to keep them in (red or blue) and a bilingual dictionary for use at home.	European Languages Day in September allows the girls the chance to discover more about Europe and even learn new languages. The Y7 French trip takes place in the summer term and gives students the opportunity to experience French culture first hand and carry out cross-curricular project work in history, geography and art. We also have a French Spelling Bee competition takes place

If you have any questions about this Learning Overview, please contact your daughter's subject teacher in the first instance.