



Subject: French

Head of Subject: Mrs B Bettsworth
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Year: Nine

Organisation of the Subject	
French is taught in form groups of 28 students. The students have two lessons per week. Students are generally working between levels 6 and 7.	
Key Concepts (The big ideas underpinning the subject)	Key 'Learning Capacities' in this subject
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing confidence in communicating in the target language • Acquiring new vocabulary • Extending their understanding of grammar • Cultural understanding • Working with others • Developing language learning skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdependence – help and work alongside others • Listening & Empathy • Collaboration and learning from others • Revising – reviewing work as you progress and capitalising on prior knowledge, connecting information from topic to topic • Making links between languages • Confidence/social skills- becoming more confident in speaking out. • Imagination – using your imagination as a vehicle for experimenting and taking risks with language
What will your daughter be learning?	How will your daughter be learning?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenage life • Sport and healthy living • Study of “Les Choristes” (French film) • Jobs and careers • Holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner work conversation practice • Songs and games • Role plays and drama performances • Textbook and workbook activities • Independent and group research • Project work • Accessing authentic video material • Dancing
How will learning be assessed?	What can you do to support your daughter?
End of unit assessments as well as regular vocabulary tests. The assessments will take place in 2 skills out of listening, reading, writing and speaking, except for during the summer exams, when all four skills will be tested.	www.linguascope.com (username and password from teacher) has lots of useful exercises to reinforce learning. We also recommend www.wordreference.com Encourage your daughter to teach you some French at the same time!
Equipment needed for this subject	Extra-Curricular / Enrichment Opportunities
Standard stationery including a glue stick and scissors. Exercise books are supplied, for class work and written homework. It would be helpful to have a plastic folder to keep these in, as well as a bilingual dictionary for use at home.	International Week in September Enrichment Days organised by Lancaster University Joint theatre trip with LRGS

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