



Introduction:

Languages are a key component of education at Runnymede College, with all students studying French up to IGCSE in Year 11 and a large number continuing in the Sixth Form. The study of French provides students with a lifelong skill in communicating in a widely spoken language of continued global importance, and the experience of doing so opens students up to a different culture and gives them the tools necessary to learn other languages in the future.

In Year 10 pupils broaden their skills to meet the demands of the IGCSE course and there is considerable focus on all four elements of the examination: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Pupils learn how to express themselves at length and with confidence, and start to come into contact with more authentic French materials through resources in the school library, found online and through individual work with the French language assistant. The advanced group prepares to sit the IGCSE exam in May of Year 10, and then begins to prepare B2 material.

Pupils have four lessons per week (typically as two double periods) in Years 10 and 11.

Content:

Grammar

- Present tense of regular, irregular and reflexive verbs
- Use of adjectives (including possessive adjectives)
- Use of depuis and ça fait
- Pronouns y and en
- Negative forms
- Perfect tense for all verb types
- Future tenses for all verb types
- Si sentences
- Direct, indirect and emphatic pronouns
- Conditional tense
- Imperfect tense
- Partitive article
- Using past tenses together

Topics

- French speaking world
- Technology and the Internet
- Families, friends and relationships
- Paris: moments and transport
- Leisure activities
- Visiting a theme park
- Staying in hotels
- Weather

Skills:

Importance will be given to the skills of:

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Homework:

Pupils will be given two homework tasks per week. Typical tasks would be reviewing vocabulary and grammar points, reading or completing written exercises. There are regular short progress tests.

Assessment:

Regular testing and assessment takes place each lesson. There is a test at the end of each unit and increasingly use authentic IGCSE assessment material. There is a final internal exam in June of Year 10. Mock exams, including an oral component take place in the Spring Term of Year 11. The final public IGCSE exams are taken in May/June of Year 11.

Average time spent each homework:

30 per piece

Resources and Materials:

Textbook: Tricolore 4

Pupils use Google Classroom to access resources, homework tasks and online assessment. Revision advice and suggested websites and videos are also posted here.

Pupils frequently use Pages and Keynote to produce written work and Voice Record for speaking assignments. For collaborative tasks pupils use Google Docs, Slides and Forms.

We make frequent use of the following additional online resources:

- Digital version of textbook: <https://www.kerboodle.com/>
- Departmental website: <https://relevantideas.weebly.com/>
- Language work: <https://wordwall.net/>
- Vocabulary revision: <https://quizlet.com/>
- Online quizzes: <https://www.blooket.com/>
- Online quizzes: <https://kahoot.com/>
- Online dictionary: <https://www.wordreference.com/>