



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 9 we identify a group of pupils who study in the advanced group and will go on to take IGCSE in Year 10 and then prepare for the B2 qualification in Year 11. The emphasis for all pupils is to lay the foundations for the IGCSE course, revisiting previously covered topics in more details and ensuring pupils are able to refer to the past, present and future when talking about all topics.

From Year 9 we use the school library to present opportunities for all pupils to read for enjoyment in French, and actively encourage them to explore French language media in all its forms.

Pupils have three French lessons per week in Year 9.

Content:

Grammar

- Present tense of regular, irregular and reflexive verbs
- Question forms
- Use of adjectives
- Passé composé for all verbs
- Imperfect tense
- Using past tenses together
- Pronoun y
- Future tense for all verbs

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:

There are two homework tasks set 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 a final school exam in June.

Average time spent each homework:

30 per piece

Resources and Materials:

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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/>

