

French Curriculum Guide

Year 8

What will my son learn?		
Autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about usual holidays and preferred holidays• Describe your ideal holiday• Describe a past holiday, where you went and what you did• Talk about festivals• Talk about sports, leisure activities and active holidays• Name parts of the body and talk about sports injuries• Describe sports personalities and sports events	Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about school and where you live and where you are going to live• Describe your daily routine• Talk about what you did yesterday• Discuss what you do to help others• French-speaking countries in Africa• Compare France and Britain• Describe a country• Talk about French personalities• Talk about transport and new technology• Discuss Francophone cartoon characters	Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about television programmes• Talk about music genres, give detailed opinions on music• Talk about film genres and review a film• Talk about reading preferences• Understand and use the language of advertising• Describe old and new technology• Talk about using technology for leisure activities• Identify the risks of social networking sites• Discuss pros and cons of new technologies• Talk about favourite technology and gadgets

How will my son be assessed?

- Students will be asked to fill in self-assessment forms to identify their skills
- In-class assessment where students will be given verbal feedback
- Homework and flexible assessment such as projects and research
- Students will be tested on a weekly basis including short vocabulary and grammar tests.
- An end of unit test testing them on each of the four skills on a specific topic will also take place every half term.
- Assessment for Learning will be present in lessons as an on-going and continuous process. Students will be asked to reflect and act upon teacher's feedback after they have completed an extended task

How can I support my son with French?

- A simple bilingual dictionary will be very useful for your child. These are easily available through most book shops.
- Sharing the learning of the new vocabulary for either language with your child should be a fun activity and will make them feel much more positive about the difficulties of learning a completely new language.
- Always ensure that your son has a quiet place in which to work and monitor the amount and quality of work that he completes at home.
- Encourage your son to teach you the language he has acquired in lessons and to use the language websites as it's free and very efficient.
- Encourage your son to go to the college library where there is an area that has been stocked with French and reading material to develop independent reading.
- Ensure that he completes his homework

