

French Curriculum Overview – Topics Covered (Years 7–9)

Year 7 – Foundations of the French Language

- French phonics and sound–spelling relationships
- Core grammar: nouns, articles, adjectives and subject pronouns
- High-frequency verbs in the present tense
- Asking and answering simple questions
- Talking about self, family, interests and daily activities
- Introduction to French culture and authentic texts

Focus: establishing accurate pronunciation, secure grammatical foundations and confidence in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Year 8 – Extending Grammar and Communication

- Refinement of phonics and pronunciation
- Question formation and sentence manipulation
- Present and perfect tenses
- Articles, possession and agreement
- Talking about food, routines, past experiences and events
- Wider cultural understanding of France and the francophone world

Focus: increasing accuracy, developing control of verb forms and producing more extended spoken and written responses.

Year 9 – Accuracy, Range and Independence

- Secure use of present, perfect and imperfect tenses
- Comparing past and present time frames
- Modal verbs, negation and two-verb structures
- Pronouns, prepositions and more complex sentence structures
- Extended speaking and writing with justification
- Cultural, historical and global francophone contexts

Focus: developing confident, independent language use and preparing students for continued language study beyond Key Stage 3.
