



## The Mall School

### Curriculum Guide

### French – Spring Term

#### Year 8S

Teacher:	Madame Françoise Higham
Lessons:	3 x 40 mins, 1 x 80 mins
Homework:	2 x 45 mins (Tuesday and Thursday)

#### Introduction:

The French syllabus introduces new grammar and vocabulary but builds on the foundation of work covered in previous years. It is equivalent to AS level of the National Curriculum.

The Scholarship examinations cover the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The content and format vary slightly for each senior school. Hampton School and Reeds use the ISEB Common Academic papers.

#### Key objectives:

- To engage our students and communicate our passion for French and modern languages in general.
- To unlock the full potential of our students' ability to speak and write French.
- To promote a love of speaking a foreign language through entertaining and engaging teaching techniques.
- To prepare our students to the highest possible standard in order for them to face their forthcoming examinations with confidence.
- To introduce our students to the culture, geography, history and current affairs of France, Britain's nearest neighbours.
- To introduce our students to overseas French territories and departments (La Francophonie).
- To encourage independent learning, using dictionaries, newspapers and magazines and the Internet for research.

These key objectives will be covered alongside others in the units of work in each term. The topic areas and grammar for the Spring Term are as follows:

- Education, jobs, professions, ambitions.
- Racism.
- Media, new technologies.
- Home environment, environmental problems, the weather and natural catastrophes.
- Transports and road accidents.
- France, Europe and the Francophone world.
- Revision of all grammar and drills. Practise all the skills with past papers from each school.
- Easter vocabulary.

#### Resources:

All boys must bring the following equipment to all lessons: blue pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, 30cm ruler and glue stick.

All boys have been issued with a red exercise book, the Heinemann A Level French Grammar Practice and the Malvern Guide for French Speaking Test.

All boys have access to useful websites: [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (user name: mall - password: natation), [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) (no password required) and [www.lejournaldesenfants](http://www.lejournaldesenfants) (a French weekly newspaper for children and teenagers – no password required).