



The Mall School

Curriculum Guide

French – Spring Term

Year 8 Common Entrance

Teachers: Mademoiselle Gaillard (8E/H set 2), Madame Françoise Higham (8E/H set 1)
Lessons: 3 x 40 mins, 1 x 60 mins (set 2), 1 x 35 min, 2 x 40 mins, 1 x 60 mins (set 1)
Homework: 2 x 45 mins (Tuesday and Friday set 2), (Monday and Tuesday set 1)

Introduction:

The French syllabus introduces new grammar and vocabulary but builds on the foundation of work covered in previous years. It is equivalent to GCSE level of the National Curriculum. The Common Entrance examination covers the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. All our students take the level 2 paper.

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 to be covered for the Spring Term are as follows:

- Education and jobs (revision)
- Holidays and free-time activities (revision)
- Family, friends and pets (revision)
- House, town, the environment, daily routine and chores
- Revision of all grammar and vocabulary. Practise all the skills with past papers.
- 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, a vocabulary notebook, the Malvern Guide for French Speaking Test, the Malvern Guide for French Vocabulary and The Mall's own Common Entrance Revision Guide.

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