

# How can parents/carers help support students in French? (Year 7 to 9 KS3)

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## **French KS3 (Year 7 to 9)**

As a school and as a Department we are committed to ensuring that your son/daughter achieves his/her full potential in all the subjects they are studying at Higham Lane School.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you more information about the French course at KS3.

### **Year 7 Curriculum**

In Year 7, students will receive a bespoke programme of study tailored to introducing them to French and/or to develop their language skills further.

The vocabulary is carefully selected based on word frequency and no more than one new grammatical function is taught every two weeks. This also means that students will have the opportunity to develop their language skills through themes that are engaging, such as “all about myself and my family”, “my school” and “my free time”.

They will have a weekly vocabulary test for homework.

### **Year 8 Curriculum**

In Year 8, the students will continue to receive a bespoke programme of study tailored to build on their knowledge. By focusing on the most frequently occurring vocabulary in the French language and providing a strong spine of grammar, the course provides the foundations for all future language study.

Students will continue to develop their language skills, as well as their love for the culture through engaging and stimulating topics, such as “Media”, “A trip to Paris” and “My identity”.

They will have a weekly vocabulary test for homework.

### **Year 9 Curriculum**

In Year 9, the students will continue to receive a bespoke programme of study tailored to build on their knowledge. By focusing on the most frequently occurring vocabulary in the French language and providing a strong spine of grammar, the course provides the foundations for all future language study.

Students will continue to develop their language skills, as well as their love for the culture through engaging and stimulating topics, such as “Free time in real life and online”, “The important people in my life” and “My school life”.

They will have a weekly vocabulary test for homework.

## **Building independence to improve confidence in French**

At home, your son/daughter should be doing a number of the following activities to ensure success in French and these may also be set as homework by his/her language teacher:

- Learning vocabulary words every week
- Making notes from booklets on vocabulary, grammar structures.
- Making mindmaps with vocabulary from the Knowledge Organisers.
- Practising vocabulary on Quizlet and Memrise platforms  
<https://quizlet.com/565287317/edexcel-gcse-french-module-7-flash-cards/>
- Little and often (Vocabulary revision must be happening every day for 5-10 minutes max)
- Downloading the RadiosFrance app on your phone and listen to French radio regularly (on the way to school for example).
- Playing language games to reinforce basic vocabulary knowledge on [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (Please ask your French teacher for the Login details)

## **Web sites for students to explore...**

- <http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/vtc-home/vtc-ks3-home.htm>
- <http://www.learnanytime.co.uk/index.htm#>
- <http://worldlanguages.pppst.com>
- <http://www.mflresources.org.uk/#frppt>
- <http://www.languagesresources.co.uk/index.htm>
- <http://www.mflresources.org.uk/>
- [http://www.asisehace.net/?page\\_id=26](http://www.asisehace.net/?page_id=26)
- <http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/depts/mfl/exercises/exercisesindex.htm>
- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11\\_16/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/index.shtml)
- <http://www.linguacentral.co.uk/>
- <http://www.wildfrench.co.uk/>
- <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/mfle/c4modernlanguages/#>
- <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/mfle/c4modernlanguages/#>
- <http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum/modlang/index.htm> (click on: language resources)
- <http://www.prescot-school.knowsley.sch.uk/prescot-language/mfl-site/french.htm>