

# French Curriculum Guide

## Year 9

### What will my son learn?

#### Autumn term

- 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

#### Spring Term

- 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

#### Summer Term

- Discuss relationships with parents
- Talk about pocket money and helping out at home
- Discuss pressures faced by teenagers and understand advice
- Discuss life in the past
- Describe the life of homeless children
- Talk about healthy eating
- Discuss healthy lifestyles
- Talk about how diet affects health
- Talk about resolutions to be healthier
- Talk about what life will be like in the future

### 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

