**The French Department**

Our Department is part of the Languages Area, which consists of the Welsh, German and French departments. French is taught in five specialist classrooms, all with digital projectors. The department consists of 2 full time and 3 part time members of staff.

There are 9 tutor groups per year; five tutor groups study French and four study German. They continue with this language throughout KS3. In year 9 set 1 have the option to study German too.

French is an optional subject in KS4 and at A level.

**Key Stage 3**

At Key Stage 3 French is taught for two lessons a week initially in Year 7 to mixed ability groups and then setted from Year 8 onwards. As an example, the topics covered are as follows:

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| Year | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 |
| 7 | Talking about yourself  French basics  Classroom language | Talking about school  Family and friends | Hobbies  Local area |
| 8 | TV and film  New technology  Paris | Talking about music  Clothes  Friends and relationships | Town and local area  Future/conditional tense |
| 9 | Facebook and social media  Health and Fitness | Jobs  Future plans | Holidays  Rights and responsibilities |

**Key Stage 4**

Our uptake for French at KS4 is very encouraging in comparison with national averages. We have two classes studying French in both year 10 and 11. Students who opt for French take all four units (listening, speaking, reading and writing) at the end of Year 11. Results for last year’s exams were 72% A\* - C. The department has attained an excellent exam record with the previous GCSE and the successful candidate will be expected to teach GCSE French.

**Key Stage 5**

At AS/ A level French is taught for four/five hours a week and is a popular and successful course. We have nine students in Year 12 and three in Year 13. Students are self-motivated and committed to the subject.

Most Year 13 students go onto Higher Education. Many students over the last few years have opted to study French at undergraduate level, including at Cambridge University. The successful candidate will be expected to teach A level French.