



**Welcome To The**  
**French Department**

**ABBS CROSS**

Academy & Arts College

# FRENCH AT ABBS CROSS ACADEMY

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN YEAR 7

### Autumn Term

- Name and age
- Alphabet, verbs
- Colours, school
- Countries
- Family and pets
- Friends
- Special occasions

### Spring Term

- Present tense of regular verbs
- Places in a town
- School subjects
- Time, days of the week
- School routine
- Clothes and weather
- Sports and hobbies

### Summer Term

- Continuous future
- Places in a town
- Rooms in a house
- Daily routine
- Bedroom furniture

## How to help your child make progress in French

**Vocabulary learning is essential – : Look, say, cover, write, check!**

### *Ways to support Vocabulary Learning*

- a. Encourage your child to write the words out alphabetically
- b. Missing out the vowels, then seeing if they can put the correct vowels back in.
- c. Cut them in half, and then see if you can put them back together correctly and stick them up on a display board at home.
- d. Your child could record the words onto the computer or phone and listen to them.
- e. Your child could make a computer database with the words or make MP3 files of his/her dialogue..
- f. You could encourage your child to use [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) to check vocabulary or have a French dictionary available at home.

**Do not let your child use Google translate or any other translation app, as this does not work effectively.**

## How we assess

*Your child will be assessed on 2 of the skills below at 4 separate times over the year.*

### • **Listening**

*Look out for BBC Language Learning Programmes and websites and encourage your child to listen to them. Encourage your child to find out about other websites, which will help to develop listening skills, from their French teacher.*

### • **Speaking**

Encourage your child to practise reading aloud/ recording him/herself and practise dialogue used in class. Practise with a friend – questions and answers/an interview.

### • **Reading**

Encourage your child to use the local library and internet for extra materials. Use the Internet to find out about the French speaking countries. Use Google classroom to access reading resources.

### • **Writing**

There are some excellent websites on the Internet giving valuable background and cultural information as well as linguistic help. Grammar guides and dictionaries are an asset.



# FAQs

1. *How are classes arranged?*

**Year 7 is taught in mixed ability groupings. Years 8 and 9 are taught in set classes with two higher ability groups. In KS4 pupils are grouped into either foundation or higher level GCSE classes.**

2. *Are trips abroad organised?*

**All pupils in year 7 are offered the chance to go to Disneyland Paris. Day trips and study trips have also been organised.**

3. *What clubs are available for French?*

**A lunchtime French games and magazines club is organised. An after school French film club is organised for KS3.**

4. *What other languages are offered?*

**French is the sole taught language to GCSE. Pupils can enter for a GCSE in a home language and this will be sat in year 11. In recent years pupils have undertaken exams in Chinese, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Turkish.**

5. *How many years of study will my child do?*

**All pupils study French up to GCSE - a five year course of study.**

## *Items you could purchase for your child to support their learning*

**CGP KS3 French Complete Revision and Practice with audio CD**

**ISBN: 978 1 84146 436 7**

**CGP KS3 French Study Guide**

**ISBN: 978 1 84146 830 3**

**CGP KS3 French Workbook (with answers)**

**ISBN: 978 1 84146 839 6**

## ***Useful Links***

**BBC Languages – [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)**

**Bourne Community College – [www.eurobourne.org.uk/mfl](http://www.eurobourne.org.uk/mfl)**

**Languages Online – [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)**

**Linguascope – [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)**

**Podcastmania – [www.atantot2.co.uk](http://www.atantot2.co.uk)**

**MFL Sunderland – [www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources%20fr%20ks3.htm](http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources%20fr%20ks3.htm)**

**MyFrenchResources.com – [www.myfrenchresources.com](http://www.myfrenchresources.com)**