Bullers Wood School for Boys

French

Key Stage 3 | Years 7-9

Our aim

To give boys the confidence to communicate in another language, understand other cultures and gain a skill valued by employers and universities. Students build vocabulary, grammar and the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing towards GCSE.

Students learn to talk and write about themselves and their world, practising listening, speaking, reading and writing in every lesson and building the grammar they need for GCSE.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	**Describing yourself** Personality adjectives, agreement	**Hobbies** TV, cinema, music and going online	**Media & technology** Online life, sport, TV and films
Autumn 2	**School** Subjects and opinions; the present tense	**Paris** Culture; introducing the perfect tense	**Personal world** Outings, past activities, the Francophone Games
Spring 1	**Free time** Regular verbs in the present	**Personality & music**	**Personal world** Family, friendships, routines
Spring 2	**Family** Possessive adjectives	**Home & area** House, mealtimes and food	**Role models** Idols and celebrations
Summer 1	**Town** Asking for things; the near future	**Talent & ambitions** Talent shows and future plans	**Studying** Subjects, rules and routines
Summer 2	**Review & consolidation**	**Review & consolidation**	**The future** Plans and using languages

Grammar journey

Year 7: present tense and near future (aller + infinitive).

Years 8–9: adding the perfect tense with avoir and être, so students can describe past, present and future.

Checking progress

- Weekly vocabulary quizzes
- End-of-topic tests on two skills
- End-of-year assessment

Homework

- Vocabulary learning once a week – 30–40 minutes spread across the week, using the vocabulary booklet.

Help at home

- Make and test flashcards together
- Quizlet and BBC Bitesize KS3 French
- Lunchtime languages club; optional 2-night France trip

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Key Stage 4 | Years 10-11

GCSE French builds the confidence to communicate independently in a language spoken on five continents, deepens understanding of French-speaking cultures, and lays foundations for study beyond 16.

GCSE French – Edexcel

Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Understanding spoken French 25%	Role-play, picture task and conversation 25%	Understanding texts, plus translation into English 25%	Short and longer tasks, plus translation into French 25%

Course aims

- A strong base of vocabulary and grammar
- Communicating independently and spontaneously
- Familiarity with French-speaking cultures
- Seeing the links between French and English

Why it matters

- A language GCSE broadens future study and career options and counts towards the EBacc.

Help at home

- Little and often: 10–15 minutes of vocabulary most days
- Test him with flashcards or Quizlet
- Encourage French films, music and news