

THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

French Curriculum Overview - Middle School (Years 5-8)

Core Knowledge UK (Civitas) • Progression towards GCSE French
Whole School Curriculum Map

Year Group	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Year 5	My home and where I live	Town and local area	At the café: food and drinks	At the market: shopping	Holidays and transport	Sport and activities; revision and consolidation
Year 6	Me in the world: nationalities and languages	Daily life and routines	Holidays and accommodation	At the restaurant: ordering food	Famous places and landmarks	Revision, projects and preparation for KS3
Year 7	Greetings, phonics and classroom language	Family, pets and descriptions	School subjects and opinions	Hobbies and free time	Town and local area	French culture and traditions project
Year 8	Holidays and travel	Food, cafés and restaurants	Daily routine and healthy lifestyles	Technology and social media	Festivals in the French-speaking world	Environment and sustainability

Curriculum Intent

- Develop pupils' confidence in communicating in French for practical purposes
- Build vocabulary and understanding of grammar in a meaningful context
- Encourage curiosity about French-speaking countries and cultures
- Follow a coherent, cumulative sequence of knowledge and skills

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Implementation

- French is taught through high-quality Core Knowledge UK (Civitas) textbooks
- Topics are taught in a coherent sequence across the year
- Lessons develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- Vocabulary and grammar are taught and revisited regularly
- Songs, stories and cultural content are used to deepen understanding
- Regular retrieval practice and assessment support long-term retention

Review Cycle: Annual

Impact

- Develop confidence in speaking and understanding French
- Build a growing bank of vocabulary and grammar
- Understand and appreciate French-speaking cultures
- Make strong progress across the key language skills
- Be well-prepared for the next stage of their education

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