

Languages

Curriculum:

In Year 7 all pupils study French or German as part of the National curriculum five-year course of study. Four classes of the eight in Year 7 study French, the other four German, in mixed ability classes. Learning a language broadens the pupils' insight into other cultures and helps develop study skills. Lessons are conducted predominately in the target language and cover all the language skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

There are annual study trips to Normandy in France for Year 7 and to the Rheintal in Germany in the Spring Term.

Assessment:

Pupils are assessed each half-term at the end of each unit of study. Formal tests are held at the end of the first term in December and at the end of May in the end of year exams.

Homework:

This is set regularly each week and may take the form of reading, writing or learning, usually connected with work done in class. It is expected to be done with care.

Parents can assist in this by creating a suitable environment for homework to be done and by showing an interest in the work set, checking in the homework diary that work is being done and to an acceptable standard.

Our Targets:

By the end of Year 7 pupils will have worked at NC levels 1 to 3 in the four Attainment Targets:

1. Listening: Understand short instructions and simple sentences in French or German and be able to identify specific words and details in a list.
2. Speaking: Imitate and respond briefly to what is seen or heard, ask for help, give simple information and express likes and dislikes.
3. Reading: Understand and respond to individual words and short phrases and be able to begin to read short passages independently.
4. Writing: Write familiar words and phrases, writing them from memory and conveying simple, factual information.

Resources:

French:	text book	Encore Tricolore 1	pub: Nelson Thornes
German:	text book	Anstoss 1	pub: Hodder & Stoughton