

Bradfield School - Curriculum Area Booklets.

Subject name: MFL

This booklet contains information about what your child will be studying during years 7, 8 and 9.

Year group	Content
Year 7:	All students study French in Year 7. We aim to recap and extend KS2 learning and develop confidence, fluency and flexibility by using language in different contexts. The course is structured to allow all students, regardless of prior knowledge, to make good progress. To facilitate this, when possible, we set pupils differently at Christmas so that we can offer more consolidation or extension if necessary.
In year 7 students cover the following topic areas : Talking about themselves and others Describing school life Discussing their free time Describing where they live	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Talk about likes / dislikes / opinions and give reasons➤ Agree and disagree➤ Ask questions➤ Use common verbs in the present tense➤ Use 2 verbs together➤ Understand some verbs in the past tense➤ Use articles e.g. le, la, l', les, un, une➤ Use prepositions e.g. de, à➤ Use expressions of time and place➤ Use connectives e.g. et, mais, si, quand➤ Use adjectives➤ Use the language learnt to understand and produce detailed descriptions.
Supporting your child, what can you do to help?	Homework is set every week to consolidate their learning or memorise language. This is critically important if they are to make good progress. You can help by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Providing a quiet place and time for them to concentrate on homework.✓ Asking them to explain what they have learnt. This reinforces their learning so they will remember it much better.✓ Testing them on memorising homework. If they have learnt a list of words, ask them in English for the French word and how to spell it. If they have learnt a speech, listen to them repeating it. Don't worry if you don't understand what they are saying; it will be clear if they can't remember and they need to memorise some parts again. Suggest to them that they highlight the parts they can't remember. Students remember language much better if they are tested on their learning in this way.✓ Encourage your child to use the French pages in their planner for help.

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Year 8:	In Year 8 all students study French for half a year and then split their time equally between French and Spanish.
French: In year 8 students cover the following topic areas : Holidays Media A visit to Paris Identity Where I live	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explain views and justify them ➤ Ask new questions ➤ Use new verbs in the present tense ➤ Use the future tense ➤ Use the conditional tense ➤ Use 2 past tenses: the perfect and imperfect ➤ Develop fluency with number ➤ Understand more complex French and ideas ➤ Use new expressions of time and place ➤ Use a wider variety of connectives and vocabulary ➤ Understand our connection to the rest of the world ➤ Use the language learnt to understand and produce detailed explanations, descriptions and accounts.
Spanish: In Year 8 students cover the following topic areas: Myself School My family	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use key vocabulary e.g. numbers, days ➤ Use key verbs in the present tense ➤ Ask questions ➤ Use articles e.g. el, la, los, las, un, una ➤ Use classroom language
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Year 9:	In Year 9 students continue to study French and Spanish. In 2012-13 some of the Year 9 course content overlaps with Year 8 as we have introduced a new course which will roll out into Year 9 in 2013-14. Most students will follow the green course but the most able will follow the red course which will stretch them further.
French: Students cover the following topic areas : Media Future plans Famous people or Story telling Human rights	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Express complex opinions and justify them ➤ Explain more complex ideas ➤ Ask new questions ➤ Use a variety of tenses including past and future tenses ➤ Use a wider variety of connectives and vocabulary ➤ Understand authentic texts ➤ Use the language learnt to understand and produce detailed explanations, descriptions and accounts.
Spanish: In Year 9 students cover the following topic areas: Likes and dislikes School life Going out Holidays	Students learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Talk about likes / dislikes / opinions and give reasons ➤ Agree and disagree ➤ Ask questions ➤ Use common verbs in the present tense ➤ Use 2 verbs together ➤ Understand some verbs in the past tense ➤ Use prepositions e.g. de, a ➤ Use expressions of time and place ➤ Use connectives ➤ Use adjectives ➤ Use the language learnt to understand and produce detailed descriptions.
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