S2 Modern Languages



Welcome to the Modern Languages Faculty S2 presentation. The purpose of this presentation is to tell you about what your child will learn and the skills they will develop over the course of S2 in Modern Languages and to provide some guidance on how best to support your child with their learning.



Course Structure:

- In S2, you have two periods of German and one period of French per week.
- This is because in S1, you had two periods of French and one period of German each week.







Topics Covered:

S2 French:

- A Trip to Paris
  Places we visited; activities we did; my opinions.
- Food and Drinks
  Eating out; ordering in a café; talking about meals.
- Mes Vacances
  Where I went; what I did; opinions about my holiday.
- Weather Forecast
  Describing the weather; talking about different seasons.
- La Francophonie
  French-speaking countries around the world; traditions and culture.

S2 German:

- Free Time Activities
  Sports; hobbies; online activities; how I spend my free time.
- School
  Subjects; giving opinions; talking about the school day.
- Town and Holidays
  Describing your town; saying what there is to do; planning and talking about holidays.



Skills Developed







- Literacy Skills
  - Reading and writing strategies for Modern Languages that apply to all reading and writing in English or any other language
  - Understanding how language works
- Communication Skills
  - Confidence with speaking aloud, particularly when it feels a bit uncomfortable or strange! A very transferable and useful skill.
  - Communicating what you know: how to express your ideas accurately and clearly
- Collaborative Skills
  - Working with others, both friends and those you are less comfortable with
  - Supporting each other: asking for help from others; working kindly and sensibly with others; respecting others; helping others to understand
- Problem-Solving Skills
  - Understanding complex concepts
  - Applying known concepts to new scenarios or information

Modern Languages – Ensuring your Child is Ready to Learn



You Will Need:

- iPad (charged!)
- Charger (just in case)
- A pen or pencil
- Your jotter or workbook
  - *These are taken home in most cases, although some teachers may keep pupil jotters in the classroom*
- A selection of stationary - e.g. a ruler, coloured pencils and glue - are helpful but not a necessity and can be provided.
- Mobile Phone in Mobile Phone Box on entry to class

Modern Languages – How to Support Your Child's Learning

- **Talk to your child to ask about what they were learning that day.**
  - This will help your child to think about their learning, help to consolidate their learning and allow them to store it in their long-term memory (or at least until next lesson!).
  - Your child can also show you what they are working on through Showbie. In French, work for each lesson is uploaded so you can see what your child has completed. At intervals through the year, pieces of work will be marked by the class teacher so you and your child have some feedback on classwork.
- **Homework will also be flagged on Showbie, so you can support your child to complete homework when it is issued.**
- **In French, there are also extension tasks that pupils can choose to do in class or at home to challenge themselves or help them to understand and revise key information. These can be written exercises or online vocabulary games, for example. Great practice before an assessment!**
- **At regular intervals, assessments of the key skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) will take place.**
  - The results of these and the teacher's feedback for next steps will be shared with you on Showbie through the Showbie Portfolio function. Discussing these with your child can really help them to understand and improve!

What can Merits be Awarded for in Modern Languages?



Participation – can include:

- Volunteering to answer questions in French during class.
- Taking part enthusiastically in role-plays or pair work.
- Sharing ideas and helping others in group activities.
- Contributing extra knowledge about culture, festivals, or vocabulary.

Respect – can include:

- Listening carefully when others are speaking in French.
- Encouraging and supporting classmates during activities.
- Using classroom resources responsibly (e.g. iPads, dictionaries).
- Showing good manners when working with a partner or in groups.





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Included – can include:

- Making sure everyone has a turn in pair or group tasks.
- Inviting a quieter classmate to join in a discussion or game.
- Working well with different partners in class activities.
- Respecting and valuing different cultures and ideas when learning languages.

Determination – can include:

- Keeping going and trying again even when work is challenging.
- Using feedback to improve a piece of writing or speaking.
- Practising new vocabulary until it is remembered and used correctly.
- Staying focused and completing tasks even if they take extra effort.





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Excellence – can include:

- Producing high-quality spoken or written.
- French with accuracy and detail.
- Going above and beyond in homework or class projects.
- Showing creativity in presentations, role-plays, or cultural research.
- Consistently applying new vocabulary and grammar confidently in class.







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