

## **French**

Students learn French in KS3 at Oakgrove. We follow the Dynamo series, a fun and exciting course which enables students to make excellent progress throughout Key Stage 3, fully preparing them for the rigours of GCSE French. Students can access the Dynamo book at home to support their learning.

### **Year 7**

In Year 7, students start with Dynamo 1. They are taught how to conjugate verbs and techniques to help them memorise vocabulary and understand grammar. Topics include describing themselves and others, talking about school, free time activities, where they live and their family. We use an interactive book and each lesson focuses on developing students' listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. By the end of Year 7, students should have a core understanding of the French language and be able to hold a basic conversation in French.

### **Year 8**

Year 8 students continue their French studies with Dynamo 2. The course is differentiated, with students using either Dynamo 2 vert (foundation level) or Dynamo 2 rouge (higher level). Students continue to build their confidence in speaking, reading, writing and listening in French. Topics studied are holidays, French festivals and traditions in the French speaking world, sports, hobbies, and where they live. Students also improve their knowledge of French grammar, learning how to construct more complex sentences and form different tenses.

### **Year 9**

Year 9 French continues with the Dynamo series. As in Year 8, the course is differentiated, with students using either Dynamo 3 vert (foundation level) or Dynamo 3 rouge (higher level). Both courses build on the knowledge gained in years 7 and 8, extending students' vocabulary and grammar. Topics include talking about their world, their future plans, their past, the environment and the French speaking world.

By the end of year 9, students should be able to write and speak fluently on the topics they have been taught. They should be able to write from memory and manipulate the French language to express their own opinions.

### French - Oakgrove KS3 Tiers

5	Able to understand extracts from texts containing unfamiliar language
	Understand a range of complex sentences and familiar language when spoken by a native speaker
	Able to hold a conversation, ask questions and respond fluently
	Able to use a range of vocabulary, tenses and subordinate clauses in writing and manipulate grammar to express opinions
	Able to translate complex sentences accurately
4	Able to read and understand more complex texts and infer meaning in extracts of texts
	Able to start and develop conversations
	Able to write longer paragraphs, and more complex sentences, and adapt words learnt for new purposes
	Able to translate sentences containing different tenses and subordinate clauses
3	Understand peoples' opinions, and can identify the present and future tenses during listening tasks in spoken passages
	Can give opinions, and use the present and future tenses when speaking in a foreign language
	Use new grammar in certain situations, and be able to use the present and future tenses when writing in the foreign language
	Able to translate short paragraphs
	Can read longer passages, and identify present and future tenses
2	Able to guess the meaning of unfamiliar words using context
	Understand longer spoken passages and pick out the main points
	Able to take part in conversations, ask questions, and give three or four replies
	Can write longer phrases from memory and give opinions
	Can conjugate regular verbs in the present tense from memory
	Able to translate longer sentences
	Can read and understand longer passages in French
1	Able to work out the meaning of cognates and near-cognates
	Can understand short spoken passages and pick out the main points
	Can take part in simple conversations and give two or three replies
	Can write simple short phrases from memory
	Able to translate short sentences
	Can read and understand short passages in French