Advice to parents - Year 8 French

In Year 8 your son/daughter will get a chance to learn some French during 5 classes across Week A and B.

We will be introducing pupils to some basic French words and phrases, and we will learn about the culture of France.

Pupils will be given the opportunity to practice 4 language skills - speaking, listening, reading, and writing in French!

Organisation

At the start of the year your son/daughter will be given an Accès vocabulary booklet, an activity booklet and a blue lined exercise book. These should be kept in a plastic folder and brought to class each day.

Textbooks will be available in each classroom for them to use. A front of class eBook is used by the teacher in the classroom to present the language and to complete listening exercises.

Each class will also have access to a French google classroom which their teacher will set up for them. Resources will also be uploaded to this.

Skills practice/homework

Your son/daughter will regularly be asked to practice the new vocabulary and phrases which they have learnt in the classroom. Much of this practice will involve saying the new language. Help your son/daughter to do this even just by listening to them.

Some homework will include completion of reinforcement exercises of new words and phrases covered in class. These are mainly reading and writing exercises. You could check that these have been completed correctly. These exercises will be for the most part exercises in their activity booklets.

They will also be asked to learn to recognise the new French words and phrases. They will use the Accès vocabulary booklet to do this. They should cover over the English, look at the French and check they know the meaning of each word or phrase.

French Culture

We will also be introducing aspects of French culture to your son/daughter. Pupils will complete a French culture research task each term to help them learn more about France.

So, we would be grateful if you could encourage an interest in France, the French culture and in learning French!

