

What's next in languages?

- Your daughter/ward will complete her French GCSE in Year 9
- The French GCSE is a linear course where all exams are taken at the end of Year 9 (2018)
- The GCSE has three themes which are based on some of the topic areas already covered in KS3, but which will be explored in more detail and complexity in KS4

Theme 1 - Identity and culture,

Theme 2 - Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3 - Current and future study and employment

- In Year 9 she will have six lessons a week in her French GCSE, working towards her final GCSE exams in all of the four skills. (Listening/Reading/Writing/Speaking)

It is essential that your daughter maximises all learning opportunities available in Year 8 to prepare her for the GCSE in Year 9 and your support is invaluable!

INDEPENDENT STUDY AND LANGUAGE RECYCLING ARE ESSENTIAL!!!!!!

How can you help?

Please encourage her to:

- ✚ Listen to as much French as possible (radio/ watching favourite film in French)
- ✚ Explore resources online (BBC Bitesize/www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- ✚ Take advantage of the independent study spaces and L1 which is a Languages computer room
- ✚ Work on www.vocabexpress.com (the new GCSE has its own section of vocabulary under the themes mentioned above) to revise essential vocabulary every day for at least 15 minutes - this will make all the difference!!!!
- ✚ Download the app "Duolingo" which is an excellent and fun way to improve vocabulary
- ✚ Work through the AQA GCSE Revision Guide
- ✚ Complete all homework to the best of her ability

It would be great if you could:

- ✚ Help her practise new words and learn for vocabulary tests
- ✚ Inform her language teacher if she is having difficulties with her learning
- ✚ Ask her how she is getting on and what feedback she has had from her teacher (not all feedback will be written down)
- ✚ Ask her to explain to you the importance of **TRACTOR** and help her add words to this "bank" of vocabulary/structures
- ✚ Help her plan her time and incorporate language revision time into her independent learning after school