



# French

## KS3

### What will I learn?

In year 9 the theme for year is 'Survival'. This means that students will be learning about themes such as which countries speak French; finding your way around town; asking for help at a doctors surgery; arranging to go out in France and ordering food in a restaurant. This is coupled with a number of topics which cover many elements of French culture, such as food, music, history and a case study of Paris. Grammar is included throughout and students will be able to use three different tenses effectively and accurately in order that they can communicate with confidence in French.

### What will I do?

French lessons are very varied and high energy as teachers use a range of different activities which challenge students to listen, speak, write and read in French. There are competitions and prizes for high levels of effort and attainment throughout the year. Mini-whiteboards are used frequently to allow whole-class participation and the use of props makes the lessons interactive and memorable. For one of the projects completed throughout the year, students use ICT and Drama skills to record themselves speaking in French; they complete group writing projects and they re-enact the main events of the French Revolution. Throughout the course we look at authentic French materials including websites, menus, leaflets, videos and songs, and compare life in England to that in French speaking countries.

### How will I be assessed?

Every term there is an assessment which will test one of the 4 skills and is based on the new GCSE criteria. Students will be expected to write approximately 100 words and speak for about 3 minutes as well as answer questions on written and spoken French. This helps prepare them effectively for the requirements of the GCSE course.