



An opportunity to consolidate and expand your previous knowledge of French

### Required starting level

Approximately to GCE/GCSE level.

This course is designed to build on the French learnt in the beginners class or will enable you to review the rusty French you have learnt some time ago. Come and join this friendly class which focuses on speaking and listening practices and developing a wider range of vocabulary and idiomatic structures. There will also be some reading and writing activities.

### Aims

To give confidence to students who feel their French is somewhat rusty and wish to re-visit and develop their knowledge of the language and its grammar. This course offers you the opportunity to increase your exposure to spoken French and will enable you to be more confident using the language.

### Working methods/types of activities

- Emphasis is on the progressive development of listening and speaking skills. New vocabulary and grammar points will be introduced and reinforced, using audio and video material. Recapping the knowledge with PowerPoint presentations, quizzes and role-playing
- Most weeks, notes with practice exercises are given to help revise grammatical points or vocabulary and expressions used in class
- Time is set aside for conversation practice and students are encouraged to ask questions and discuss any points for clarification

### Textbooks

Please do not purchase any books until the class is confirmed. Advice will be given to students who would like to buy some manuals to support their learning.

### Homework

Ideally, students should spend a couple of hours a week going over the notes given in class, doing the grammar exercises or other set homework, learning vocabulary, etc.

### What to bring to class

A willingness to participate fully with a sense of adventure. Pen and paper with a couple of highlighters would also be useful

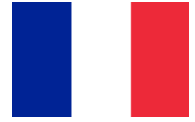
### Topic areas

#### Term 1

- Quick revision of topics such as: greetings, introductions, talking about yourself, family and work, French alphabet, numbers, dates, telling the time, ordering and eating at restaurants, using public transport, booking accommodation, talking about the weather, shopping, finding your way round.
- Revision of the present and perfect tenses
- Talking about your daily routine
- Practice of the immediate future structure (making plans and expressing your intentions)
- Seasonal topics, harvests, traditions around All Saints and Christmas.



## Improvers' French



- Describing people's physical appearances and feelings, personality and behaviour as well as places and towns

### Term 2

- Leisure and sport activities.
- Making appointments and arranging meetings (accepting or declining an invitation)
- Health
- Preferences, likes and dislikes: household tasks, outings, etc.
- How to express your opinions
- Revision and extensive practice of the perfect tense
- Introduction to the imperfect, future and conditional tenses.
- Seasonal topics, e.g. agricultural show, Lily of the Valley posies, bank holidays, regions and their foods/wines, preparing for the next holiday.

On occasions, we'll be looking at French media and on-line short articles or blog posts for elements of French culture and topical current affairs issues.

### Next Steps

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over two terms: an initial shorter term during the autumn, leading into a second longer term from January through to mid-May.

On completion of the course, you may feel inspired to continue studying French and join the Intermediate course the following year.