



CULTURAL CAPITAL OPPORTUNITIES IN FRENCH

"Cultural capital is the cultural knowledge that serves as currency that helps us navigate culture and alters our experiences and the opportunities available to us. (Pierre Bourdieu)

"It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement." (Ofsted inspection handbook)

1. Pupils are provided with opportunities beyond the National Curriculum to further and support their understanding – visits, cultural events
2. Pupils are exposed to real life scenarios to enhance their experience and understanding of French, its culture and society.
3. Pupils are exposed to a range of French literature and media to inspire creativity in the target language.
4. Pupils have the opportunity to experience and immerse themselves in the culture and traditions of countries which speak French.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
First Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding how different cultures and languages work. Etymology of words. Gender of nouns and the Formal and informal or Tu and Vous in society. How Christmas is celebrated in France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tour de France and popular sports in French society French artists and famous works of art. (Describing a picture) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French food and regions. Extra-Curricular visit to northern France. A typical market, a traditional sweet and chocolate museum and an historic boulangerie tour.
Second Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A virtual visit to Paris and its cultural and historic sites. Christmas in France – la Fete des Rois 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education in France, celebrating the differences between the UK and French systems. Classic French cinema 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction to French literature Le Petit Prince Describing famous French people from history (in a picture)
Third Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France and French speaking countries around the world Outre Mer Travel – what is the Channel Tunnel? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Etymology and how language is changing – popular culture and social media influences on language. Le Poisson d'avril and Easter Describing scenes of French monuments and places (picture) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit Sport in France Tour de France, Rolland Garros. French poetry
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antoine de St Exupery and other French authors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classical music and popular French music. Cinema and the Cannes film Festival Extracurricular visit to Paris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Jacques Prevert Bastille Day, its History and La fete Nationale.

Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places in France Paris and other cities, location and descriptions. • Tourism in France and Outre Mer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The differences between education in France and the UK • French charities – Médecins sans frontières. • La service civique – Community service in France 	
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All Study Units in French incorporate cultural elements of the French speaking countries and we encourage pupils to have a 'global' and 'outward thinking' view of the world. Extra-Curricular Activity – Trips to France for Year 7 and Year 10, French film club for all years, European Cake bakes and taster session in HE are examples of some of the opportunities to travel and experience another culture and expand our knowledge.