



## Welcome

Bonjour et bienvenue à King's! Hello and welcome to The King's School! Here in the Modern Foreign Languages department, we are all excited to meet you in September! There are three teachers in the department: Miss Young, Mrs Curran and Mr Davies. Each week you will have two MFL lessons and you will do one piece of homework which will take around 30 minutes to complete – usually it is vocabulary learning.

## What will I study?

At The King's School we offer both French and Spanish but to start with, you will all learn French. In Year 7, not only will you learn how to speak, listen, read and write in French, but we'll also take you on an exciting journey to discover new cultures in lots of different French-speaking countries! We will start off by talking all about you. You will describe yourself: your family & your friends, school, your hobbies, where you live and which foods you like and dislike. Each term, we'll delve into Francophone culture - so you'll develop an understanding of the geography of France; French foods, celebrities, sports and music. Most importantly, we will learn about French traditions, for example how Christmas and Easter are celebrated.

In lessons, you can expect to be speaking in French right from day one! We encourage lots of discussions in French, so you will be getting to know your classmates by introducing yourselves in French. You will often be moving around the room speaking to as many people as you can to improve your French pronunciation and your listening skills. You will practise forming sentences through challenges using mini whiteboards, and become expert translators using sentence builders.



## Will I need any special equipment?

In French, you will not need any specific equipment – just your pen, pencil, ruler and planner. You might find it helpful to do some colour-coding or highlighting, so having some different coloured pens or a highlighter could be useful, but it's not essential.

## Activity for you to try

In preparation for September, we would like you to create a fact file (in English!) about a famous French figure. This could be a sports personality, a celebrity or a historical figure. Find out as much information about them as you can and get creative with how you present your findings. Whilst we would love you to come up with your own ideas, if you're struggling to find someone to base your fact file on, here are some suggestions:

- Jean-Kévin Augustin – Leeds United player
- Paul Pogba – Manchester United player
- Marie Antoinette – last Queen of France
- Coco Chanel – fashion designer

We are looking forward to seeing what you come up with! À bientôt!