French at Coombe Wood School

Subject Vision Statement

Curriculum intent

Our sequenced MFL curriculum guides students through a clear progression from comprehension to production, beginning with phonics and vocabulary building to support listening and reading before moving to developing fluent spoken and written language. We embed retrieval practice and regular learning checkpoints to support long-term retention. The curriculum prioritises meaningful use of the target language in the classroom, fostering fluency and spontaneous communication. Our curriculum is supported by enriching cultural experiences both in and outside of the classroom such as trips and study days which enhance language application and cultural appreciation.

At KS3: Students develop foundational phonics, vocabulary and grammar through carefully chosen thematic contexts. Structures are taught both implicitly and explicitly, with content selected to enable deliberate practice, chunking, and input flooding. This approach supports students in building automaticity and confidence in their use of the target language, laying the groundwork for successful progression through the curriculum.

At KS4: This foundation is built upon with increasingly complex language and more advanced grammar structures, enabling students to express themselves more fluently and accurately across a range of topics. Phonics remains an integral part of the curriculum as students continue to refine both receptive and productive skills. The curriculum continues to follow a clear progression from comprehension to production.

Curriculum Map: Long Term Plan						
	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
7	Introductions	My personal world	Sports and Hobbies	Tv and film	School	Revision Cultural element
8	Relationships and role models	Food and drink	Places in town and shopping	Music	Holiday and tourist attractions	Revision Cultural element
9	Module 1: Tu as du temps à perdre?		Module 2: Mon clan, ma tribu		Module 3: Ma vie scolaire	
10	Module 4: En pleine forme		Module 5: Numéro vacances		Module 7: Mon petit monde à moi	
11	Module 6: Notre planète		Module 8: Mes projets d'avenir		Revision and exam skills	