



At Brownhills Ormiston Academy, we believe that learning a language is an asset for life, a key skill that can open many doors and give you a competitive edge in the world of work. Our French curriculum ensures that our students are equipped to become competent and coherent linguists at the end of their language learning journey in secondary school.

We aim to promote the enjoyment of language learning and give students the tools to become fantastic linguists. Over time, pupils develop self-efficacy as they understand more and speak more. In the classroom, students learn to become “experts” in reading, writing, listening and speaking. This is gradually achieved thanks to a firm understanding of phonics, vocabulary and grammar. These three pillars of progression are known to be the foundation for successful language learning. The curriculum is crafted in a way that fosters deep and durable learning. Essential and common vocabulary is taught from the start of year 7, allowing students to interact in French from the beginning. Common errors and misconceptions are addressed through continuous low stake, formative assessments.

The four modalities of language are practised through speaking, reading, writing and listening thus deepening students’ oracy and literacy skills. We want our students to be confident French speakers. Pupils learn to discover and develop a good command of the language in various contexts and become more open minded to other cultures. All pupils are encouraged to consider their own British Values whilst also being respectful and curious of the values of other cultures.

The overarching themes for each block of learning are carefully handpicked to enthuse students to express their views on topics that matters to them as we want learning to be purposeful. Our aim is that at the end of their language course, students will have acquired enough knowledge to understand the subtleties of the language, they will have developed a resilient mind set and will be able to deal with familiar and unfamiliar situations in real life situations.

Throughout their French careers at Brownhills, students will learn to be:

Ready for the world of work and life after school as studying a foreign language gives them an advantage when looking for work and travelling abroad.

Respectful of other cultures. This prepares them to work with people of different backgrounds.

Safe in a foreign environments, particularly French speaking countries.