Curriculum Intent

Curriculum Vision - French

In the French department, we want to promote a love of languages amongst our students and broaden their minds. We want them to realise that French is much more than a subject on their timetable. Given our proximity, most pupils have a connection to France (being family, friends or even a property) but we want to ensure all pupils are given the same opportunity to cross the Channel by organising residentials as early as KS3. Languages will help pupils become good communicators, public speakers, resilient learners (speaking in front of others in a different language definitely is a challenge!) and global citizens aware of different cultures and diversity.

At KS3, pupils will be attending full pace, engaging and creative lessons to keep them enthused and passionate about languages. At KS4, they will build on previous knowledge and use more complex structures and topics with confidence, in adapted lessons.

All students

- We are ambitious for, and have high expectations of, all of our pupils and know that every student can experience success through being taught well-structured, engaging and outstandingly resourced lessons which allow for a fully immersive experience.
- We believe that every student at NKS, regardless of prior or current attainment, has the opportunity to engage with the most challenging, yet rewarding, aspects of the language.
- Our consistent use of adaptive teaching techniques across all classes ensures all students make progress in French, including those with SEND, and become avid and independent language learners.
- We have a fundamental belief that all children an entitled to experience the richness and difficulty of authentic material.

Successful navigation of the subject within the world

- Our French curriculum aims to equip our students with the necessary linguistic skills to become wellrounded global citizens in an increasingly competitive and globalised society.
- We promote cultural awareness throughout key stages to enable Francophiles to develop their flair and love for the language through relatable aspects of culture, not only from France but also the wider French-speaking society.
- We provide students with the necessary problem solving and creative thinking skills to develop their future careers in fields as diverse as translation, international relations and business, product development, architecture, and the entertainment and recreation industries.

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