

Raising aspirations – French

At Ormiston Bushfield Academy, we believe every student should have the opportunity to explore, question, and excel in French. This page offers a carefully selected range of books, websites, and podcasts to stretch your curiosity; deepen your understanding; and help you see the possibilities that French can offer. Whether you're looking for your next great read, a new challenge, or a glimpse into the world of linguists - you'll find something here to spark your ambition and raise your aspirations.

Suggested Reading list

KS3 (years 7-9)

Allons-y Magazine by Mary Glasgow Magazines– **Beginner, A1**

A fun and accessible introduction to French that will excite and engage beginners of all abilities and interests! Vibrant and visual magazines packed with short articles, comic strips, puzzles, quizzes, videos, interviews and songs.

Bonjour Magazine by Mary Glasgow Magazines– **Pre-intermediate, A2**

Helps students to emerge as speakers of French and inspires them to take their studies further. Expands vocabulary, tenses and grammar and builds confidence in reading, listening, writing and speaking using engaging texts on French-speaking cultures.

Astérix Comic books by Goscinny and Uderzo- **French comic album series** about a Gaulish village which, thanks to a magic potion that enhances strength, resists the forces of Julius Caesar's Roman Republic Army in a nonhistorical telling of the time after the Gallic Wars. Many adventures take the hero Asterix and his friend Obelix to Rome and beyond.

KS4/5 (years 10-13)

Ca va by Mary Glasgow Magazines – **Intermediate, A2-B1**

Deepens cultural understanding and helps students to improve accuracy and fluency in French. Stimulates discussion, boosts vocabulary and motivates students to practise and reinforce their skills ready for assessment.

Chez nous by Mary Glasgow Magazines – **Advanced, B1-B2**

Advances students to near-native level of French. Encourages debate and develops vocabulary, grammar, idioms and fluency using a wide range of challenging texts on the latest cultural issues from the Francophone world.

Bescherelle by Hatier – Grammar book- all the verbs, all the tenses you can dream of to improve your conjugation skills.

Websites

Linguascope www.linguascope.com- We subscribe to this website, focus on vocabulary, listening and reading skills

Languages Online www.languagesonline.org.uk- A mix of topics, grammar and real life articles activities with a focus on reading and writing skills.

Lyrics training lyricstraining.com- Listen to all the French songs depending on the topic you're interested in and improve your listening skills with various activities.

Podcasts

Coffee Break French– offers structured French language lessons suitable for beginners and advanced learners. Each episode covers various language topics, grammar explanations, and vocabulary-building exercises. Each episode lasts 10-15 min.

One Minute French– Lessons packed with valuable information for those learning French. These cover the most essential aspects of your survival in a French environment. Despite the name One Minute French, each French-language podcast lasts two to four minutes.

News in Slow French (Intermediate) Podcast – weekly episodes with real French news, essential French grammar, and practical French expressions. Listen, read, and then join a French conversation in our live practice Rooms! The News in Slow French format is perfect for intermediate French learners.