



Cardinal
Newman
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

French & German Department

Welcome to the French & German Department! concepts.

During Year 7 we will continue to build upon and extend the learning undertaken in your primary schools whilst introducing you to some brand-new topics such as:

- Introducing yourself, family and friends
- School
- Local area and describing where you live
- Hobbies and activities you do
- Food and drink

There are 9 tutor groups in Year 7. Five groups will study French and four will study German.

The language with which students start in Year 7 will be carried forward to GCSE.

Key Stage 3

In year 7, our students will work on the following topics:

- **All about me**
- **Family, friends and school**
- **Local area**
- **Sports and hobbies**

They will be introduced to the following Habits of Expression:

- **Opinions**
- **Justifications**
- **Contrast**
- **Complex elements**
- **Two tenses**

Students will study one foreign language for:
4 hours every 2 weeks.



Grammar

Full declension of ER/EN ending verbs in present tense – adverbs – word order

Adjectives and the rule of the agreement

Past tense with personal pronoun “I” – Reflexive verbs – Comparatives and superlatives

Modal verbs - Compound nouns (German only) – Accusative case (German only)

Extra Curricular

Trips run to France and Germany on alternate years. We offer Italian and Polish GCSE to those students who speak languages at home. We also offer GCSE booster classes to our Year 11 students. French and Polish clubs are offered as part of our electives programme.

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

- Nelson Mandela

A different language is a different vision of life.

- Federico Fellini

The world is a mosaic of visions.
With each language that disappears, a piece of that mosaic is lost.

- François Grosjean

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.

- Plato

I live in a small house, but my window looks out on a large world.

- Confucius

Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.

- Benjamin Lee Whorf