



The John Lyon School

French 13+ Syllabus

- Outlined below is what we expect students to be able to achieve in their reading and writing examination when they sit the 13+ examination.
- The main topics, which could be used in the entrance examination, are: Home and Family, Leisure, School, Local Area and Holiday.
- There will be two sections: Reading and Writing.
- Grammar will be assessed discreetly within both sections. In the Reading section, students will be expected to understand the nature of words and be able to categorise them into nouns, verbs, adjectives... In the Writing section, candidates will be expected to use three tenses; the perfect tense including the use of to have/to be, the present tense and a future tense. The future tense could be either in the form of the near future or the simple future. They should also use first person subject pronoun – both in singular and plural forms. Special attention will also be given to gender and agreements.
- The reading section will have a range of tasks and texts, which will be of variable lengths and levels of difficulty. We may ask candidates to answer to open questions either in French or in English and/or to cloze questions.
- In the writing section, students should be able to write 5 or 6 sentences per paragraph using a good range of verbs. They should link their text together using connectives and expand their sentences where appropriate.
- They should also express opinions and justify with reasons.