



## French Syllabus for 13+ Entry

All candidates applying for entry to Year 9 are required to take a 45 minute French paper, which is exactly the same for scholarship and non-scholarship candidates.

The examination will consist of:

- a) Questions to answer in French.
- b) Grammar exercises.
- c) A short essay or 2 paragraphs on different topics (100-150 words).

The examination will test the following knowledge:

1. **Verbs**
  - The present and perfect tenses.
  - Regular verbs in -er, -ir, -re, avoir, être.
  - Some common irregular verbs: aller, dire, écrire, faire, mettre, prendre, venir, voir.
  - Asking questions and replying in affirmative and negative.
  - Simple commands.
  - Recognition of common reflexive verbs in everyday use and the ability to use them.
2. **Nouns and Adjectives:**
  - Simple nouns and adjectives, including colour, in common use relevant to the topics listed.
  - Candidates will be expected to use mon, ma, mes; ton, ta tes, and to recognise other possessive adjectives. Cardinal numbers, dates, time, weather, seasons.
3. **Interrogative Words:**
  - Qui? Qui est-ce qui? etc.
  - Que? Qu'est-ce que? etc.
  - Où?
  - Quand?
  - Combien?

- Comment? Comment est .....?
- A Quelle heure?
- Quel âge?
- De Quelle couleur?
- Pourquoi?

4. **Articles and Prepositions:**

- le, la, l', les.
- un, une, des.
- use with prepositions eg, du etc, au etc.

5. **Topics:**

- Home
- Travel
- Personal details
- Hobbies, games and pastimes
- School
- Food and eating
- Holidays
- Town and Shops

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