

Bridgetown College Open Evening 2019-2020

FRENCH



Junior Cycle

French is an optional subject in Junior Cycle. If students opt for French, they have two single periods and one double period of French per week in which they engage in listening, speaking, reading and writing activities. We encourage as many students as possible to study French as it improves career prospects. Foreign language study enhances listening skills and memory. We are currently using Allons-y 1 in JC1 and Allons-y 2 in JC2 and JC3. **Assessment:**

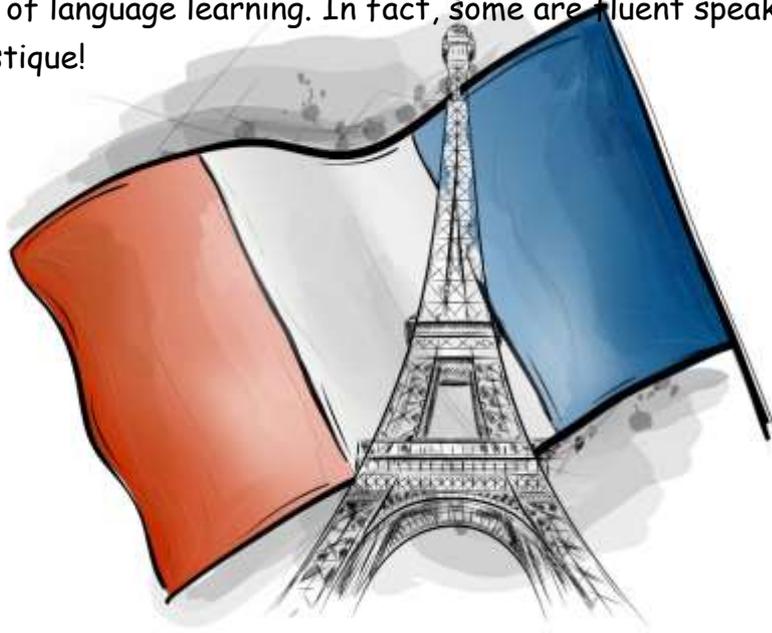
As in nearly all Junior Cycle subjects, French now includes two Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs); one at the end of JC2 and one at the end of term one of JC3. There is also an Assessment Task based on CBA2 marked by the State Exams Commission (SEC). A final exam at the end of JC3 is marked by the State Exams Commission.

Leaving Cert

French is also optional at Leaving Cert level. A large number of our students continue learning the subject to Leaving Cert. If students opt for French, they have six periods of French per week in which they engage in listening, speaking, reading and writing activities. A great emphasis is placed on Oral French for Leaving Cert as there is an oral exam in April of LC2. We are currently using two textbooks: Tout Va Bien (Folens, 2nd Edition) and Bien dit! (EDCO) for oral French.

Assessment

There are 2 levels at Leaving Cert: Higher and Ordinary. In Higher Level, students are marked as follows: Listening 25%, Speaking 25%, Reading 25%, Writing 25%. In Ordinary Level: Listening 25%, Speaking 20%, Reading 25%, Writing 30%.(check!). At the end of the LC programme, students are proficient in each skill of language learning. In fact, some are fluent speakers of French. C'est fantastique!



French students enjoying a French Breakfast. Bon Appétit!