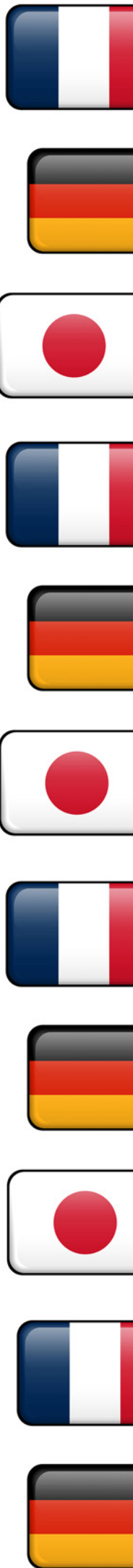


ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Semester I

Middle School Languages

Languages Overview – Semester 1, 2017



Year 7

The girls will study two of the three languages offered at the College during the year. Each course of study will last for a semester. Assessment will occur in lesson time at the end of each term. The dates for Semester One are available in the Assessment Planner for Year 7.

Assessment will involve some listening, speaking and reading activities, recalling vocabulary and expressions, writing a simple passage in the target language and presenting a short speech. Girls can prepare for the tests by ensuring all homework tasks are completed on a regular basis, as well as revising work between lessons. The language teachers will also work with the girls to develop their study habits and inform them about online resources they can access to support work done in classes.

FRENCH	GERMAN	JAPANESE
An introduction to French language and culture.	An introduction to German language & culture, including Family, Hobbies and self-introductions	An introduction to Japanese language & culture with a focus on introductions, school life & daily routine

Year 8

The girls elect 2 languages and study each for a semester. Assessment will occur towards the end of each term. Each assessment item will focus on a particular skill – listening, speaking, reading or writing. Homework is assigned at the end of every lesson and girls are expected to do some language study/revision on a daily basis.

Unit Overviews for Semester One:

FRENCH		GERMAN		JAPANESE	
Introduction to French language & culture, self-introductions Family Classroom instructions Colours & Numbers Likes & dislikes, family, pets Dates & birthdays		Introductions, Family, pets, birthdays, hobbies, shopping for food Telling the time, school Grammar – articles, accusative case, adjectives		Introduction to Japanese language & culture Self-introductions, Family Classroom instructions & school routine Likes & dislikes, making plans with friends Hiragana	
Term One	Term Two	Term One	Term Two	Term One	Term Two
Listening Speaking	Reading Writing	Listening Writing	Reading Speaking	Listening Writing	Reading Speaking

Year 9

Students study a language/languages for the whole year. Again, all assessment occurs in class time and focuses on the skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Homework is assigned at the end of every lesson and girls are expected to do some language study on a daily basis.

Unit Overviews for Semester One:

FRENCH	
Alphabet Personal information Physical appearance and personality Relationships – family & friends Grammar – possessive adjectives, adjectives, present tense verbs (regular & irregular)	Sports and Hobbies Activities Likes and Dislikes Grammar – prepositions for sport and musical instruments, questions, use of <i>depuis</i> , verbs
Assessment: Reading & Writing	Assessment: Listening & Speaking
GERMAN	
Talking about your home town Modes of transport, directions Grammar: Accusative & dative case, Prepositions, word order	Describing self & others Weather Grammar: Adjectival endings, asking questions & past tense
Assessment: Listening & Speaking	Assessment: Listening, Reading, Writing
JAPANESE	
Daily routine School & school timetable Verbs, verb tenses (ます、ません) Expressions relating to time: まいにち、よく、ときどき、いつも, telling the time Days of the week 日 月 火 水 木 金 土 Hiragana	Going shopping for souvenirs Japanese currency Ordering at a restaurant Japanese food Counting large numbers, counters for items 百、千、万、円、 Hiragana & Katakana (as per workbook)
Assessment: Speaking & Listening, Reading	Assessment: Reading & Writing, Speaking

Language Tutorials:

French	Tuesday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30	L 2.1
German	Tuesday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30	G 2.7
Japanese	Tuesday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30	G 2.8