BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Modern Foreign Languages

Q **Which language do you teach at Bishop Challoner?**
A We offer French all the way from year 7 to year 13.

Q **How many hours of French do students have in year 7?**
A Students have 5 hours of French per fortnight – approximately 2 and half hours per week.

Q **Do all students study French?**
A Yes, all students study French at KS3. We believe all our students deserve to learn a foreign language, this helps them with their literacy skills and exposes them to new cultures.

Q **Do all students pick French at GCSE?**
A French is optional at GCSE, and we encourage all learners to study a foreign language. Currently the majority of our year 10 students are studying French at GSCE.

Q **My child can already speak a foreign language which is not French. Can they study it at Bishop Challoner?**
A If your child can already speak another foreign language, they will still study French in KS3. They can study another language in their own time if they wish to. Please visit AQA and Pearson's websites to sit which languages are available as a GCSE.

Q **My child has not studied French in primary school. Is this going to be an issue?**
A We do not expect our students to know any French before they start with us in year 7.

Q **I don't speak any French, how can I support my child?**
A In secondary school we encourage all students to be independent. The best way to help your child is to ensure that they complete their homework by themselves in time.

Q **Are there any trips planned?**
A Normally, we offer a day trip to Boulogne, France at the end of year 7. This trip will run only if it is safe to do so. We also have trips to France planned for years 10 and 12 and 13.