

5th September

Dear Parents

News from the French Department

Thank you so much for the many kind messages I have received over the last few weeks. I am much looking forward to joining Vinehall and to meeting you over the coming months.

During the summer interactive white boards have been installed in each of the three language classrooms. This is an exciting development and will enhance the teaching and learning of French. Below are a few websites we shall be using at school but which can also be accessed from home:

www.leclubfrançais.co.uk

(click onto babelzone). There are a variety of games, stories and songs for years 3-6 which will help with acquiring and consolidating vocabulary. The site is free until October so now is the time to try it.

www.wildfrench.co.uk

This site provides a number of very useful activities to go with the text book (Métro 1 in year 5, Métro 2 vert/rouge in year 6) so it is particularly suitable for years 4-6. There is also a GCSE section (basic and higher levels) with specimen reading papers for year 7 and 8 to try.

www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/modlang/index.htm

This site is suited particularly for years 7 and 8 as it provides useful listening and reading material – it is GCSE based but much of the material overlaps with CE topics.

In addition to new websites we are also looking into grammar books which should help children consolidate the structures and rules they learn in class. I shall write further when we have finished our research.

Finally, Madame Consul, Madame Powell and I are looking forward to seeing as many year 7 parents as possible at the French trip information meeting at 4.30pm on Friday 21st September. A letter giving details about the trip will be sent shortly.

A bientôt

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Head of French