

Applications

Places in the European section will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

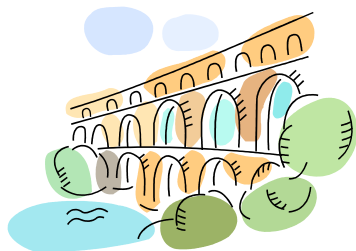
Applicants are expected to have a particular interest in learning French to a high level.

We expect parents to support the students' participation in exchange visits to France as an integral part of being in the European Section.

Students should be aware that the European section forms one of the two Junior Cycle options as it requires a greater time and commitment than mainstream French.

Students are expected to remain in the section for the duration of their time in Newpark.

If you would like to discuss the European Section or Require Further information please contact the school at 2883724 to arrange a meeting with one of the teachers.



Brief Course Description

The European section has enjoyed the full support of the French government and the Department of Education and Science since its inception as a pilot scheme in 1995.

It offers a unique opportunity for students who have already shown a particular aptitude for language, for those who have some previous knowledge of the language and for those whose family is wholly or partly French.

It offers students an opportunity to excel in French within the Irish education system and it offers the possibility of access to third level study in Francophone countries.

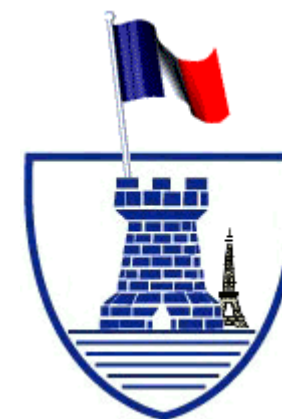
Our commitments :

- To provide a bilingual teaching program taught and managed by fully qualified Home Economics teacher and native French teachers.
- To engage the students in a large range of projects and activities throughout the year, involving oral, aural, reading and written skills.
- To give the students a wide knowledge of French culture throughout the option "Culture et Civilisation" and the cookery classes.
- To provide a high standard of teaching, using modern techniques and technology
- To organise a yearly French week, involving the students in all aspects of it.



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The European Section at Newpark is open to any student who has a French parent, guardian or French family ties, or a strong interest in French culture and language. It is also open to any student who has already shown significant ability in the language.

The European Section gives students the opportunity to learn French at the highest level possible and to develop their reading, speaking, listening and writing skills through the teaching of French by native French speakers.

Teachers use authentic documents to give students a vivid view of French life.

By being immersed in a French environment students gain linguistic knowledge together with a strong sense of Europe and the world beyond these shores.



Activities

Virtual exchanges

In First Year students start corresponding through letters, e-mails and story-writing with Bellevue school in Lyon, in preparation for the Second year exchange.

Lyon

The main extra-curricular experience of Years 1-3 is the exchange with a school in Lyon – which takes place annually in European Section Form Two.

French Drama

Each year, “French theatre for School”, a professional company, visits Newpark. Students from Junior and Senior Cycles enjoy studying, viewing and participating in these plays.

French Library

Students can improve their reading skills by simply enjoy reading in French, by borrowing magazines, books, comics, newspapers and novels.

Crafts

Through the “fiche technique” students work at craft throughout the year.

Newspaper

Students publish their own newspaper at regular intervals.



Information technology

Students are encouraged to use the internet—for information and for building direct contact with French students and classes worldwide.

Cooking

Students work on a folder acquiring knowledge on French cuisine, vocabulary and safety.

In 1st year, students learn basic cookery skills, simple dishes and the names of equipment, appliances.

In 2nd year, they learn French dishes, food pyramid and healthy eating. They consolidate vocabulary and skills learnt the year before and make more complicated dishes.

In 3rd year, the students learn about a French chef and cook some of his dishes. They focus on regional cookery and learn about the regions.

History and Geography

Students gain knowledge of French history, conduct their own research and write projects on a specific event. They learn about the geography of French cities, regions and food specialities.

Language portfolio

Each student holds a language “passport” which summaries the owner’s learning experience and language qualifications. It forms a record of learning and intercultural experience.

Competitions

Every year, the European Section is involved in several competitions organised by the cultural service of the French Embassy.