



#### 4. Arts

- French is the language of culture 'par excellence'. It is the language of art, cooking, dance, fashion, theatre...
- It opens the doors to ballet, music, literature, art, cinema and fashion.

#### 5. Entertainment & Sports

French offers the opportunity in the international world of sports.

- French is also the official language used at the Olympic games.
- Automobile races (Le Mans and Monte Carlo), horse races (Longchamp), tennis tournaments (French Open) and the Tour de France (long distance bicycle race) engage fans all around the globe.
- France, host country of UEFA 2016.

Students can improve their job opportunities by getting the DELF-DALF international certification. These are international diplomas administered by the CIEP and awarded by the French Ministry of Education. There is a specific Junior version which takes into consideration topics youngsters can relate to. Students of French may sit for their first international diploma in French at the end of their second year at Secondary level. Alliance française de Malte Méditerranée is the DELF-DALF accredited examination centre in Malta ([www.alliancefr.org.mt](http://www.alliancefr.org.mt)).



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# WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD choose French as a foreign language?

PROMOTION OF FRENCH IN PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS



## DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

This brochure aims to inform you how choosing French as a foreign language at school can lead to several opportunities when your child grows older. Since 2004 Malta has formed part of the EU. Job applicants who are proficient in more than two languages will have a real advantage over others not just in Malta, but even on the global market. Choosing the right language now can be a benefit to your child later on in life!

## 5 GOOD REASONS WHY Children should choose French

French is taught as a foreign language in most of the world's education systems. It is the second most taught language in the world after English. More than 100 million students study French and there are close to half a million language teachers ([www.francophonie.org](http://www.francophonie.org)).

### 1. Facts

- French has a strong presence on the 5 continents.
- French is the first or second language in more than 40 countries and is spoken by 274 million people around the world.
- France is one of the most visited destinations in the world.
- Knowing French will increase your communication ability in a French speaking country not only for job purposes but also for personal pleasure.
- When you speak French in French speaking countries you can ask for directions, book your own hotel room, etc.

### 2. Future Economy

- Knowing French helps you communicate and take part in transactions which occur daily in French in EU countries. Some French companies present in Malta are Kiabi, STMicroelectronics, Bureau Vallée, Yves Rocher, Renault and Peugeot.
- French is one of the main working languages of the European institutions and also one of the six United Nations working languages.



### 3. Job & Studying Opportunities (not just in Malta)

France is a world leader in the development of modern telecommunications, a market with explosive growth potential. It's the world's 5th industrial power. Think about the many job opportunities for your child. He/She might eventually work in one of these institutions/sectors:

- EU institutions in Brussels, Luxembourg or Strasbourg;
- the United Nations;
- Airline companies;
- Import and export companies;
- International businesses and agencies;
- Tourism and Hospitality;
- Diplomatic or International Relations;
- French research institutions;
- Teaching;
- Translation and Interpreting.

Students have the opportunity to apply for French government scholarships. French could also be a stepping stone to a non-linguistic job in the following domains:

- **Medicine** • **Pharmacy** • **Engineering**
- **Fashion Design** • **Architecture**

## APFM

APFM (founded in 2008) is the French Teachers' Association in Malta. We are based at the French Resource Centre in Msida. Our aim is to promote the teaching of French in schools. Every year we organize several competitions for students and teachers.

## THE FRENCH RESOURCE CENTRE

This language centre is situated next to the Junior College Complex in Msida. It is a language centre that provides resources, training and guidance to teachers and students of French. Both students and teachers may borrow the resources (books, magazines, etc.) for free. During the scholastic year, students are invited to spend some time at the Centre to learn French through fun activities ([www.apfmalte.com](http://www.apfmalte.com)).

## WHAT IS FLAP?

FLAP is the Foreign Language Awareness Programme in state schools in Malta and Gozo. Teachers of French visit Year 6 students in primary schools and introduce them to the French language and culture. All activities are carried out orally and no exams are involved.