

L'ÉCOLE EN FRANCE

- Pas d'uniforme
- Les parents achètent le matériel scolaire
- Vous travaillez le samedi matin . . .
- Vous ne travaillez pas le mercredi après-midi
- À l'âge de 11 ans vous êtes en sixième
- À l'âge de 12 ans vous êtes en cinquième
- À l'âge de 13 ans vous êtes en quatrième . . .
- If you visit France during the summer holidays you are likely to see signs similar to these in shop windows:

La rentrée des classes

Rentrée très classe!

Matériel scolaire

Dépêchez-vous

Prix bon x'élèves

Rentrée: Équipez-vous!



They all refer to 'back to school' time – the first week in September, which is loved or dreaded by children and parents alike!

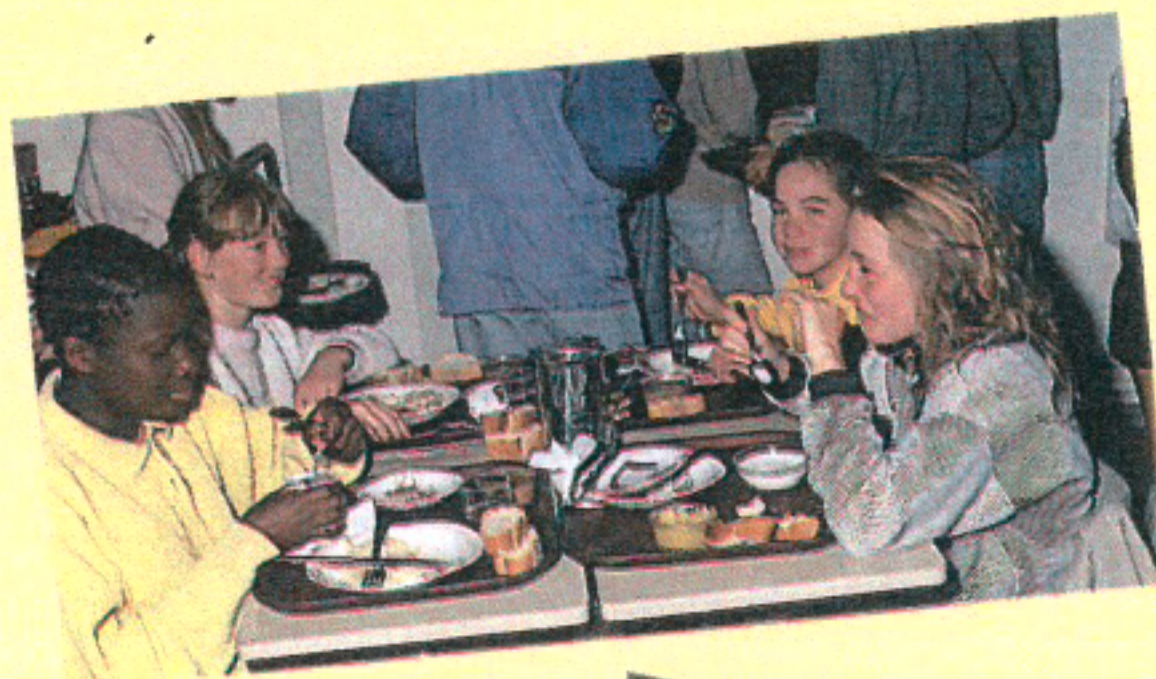
- French schoolchildren don't have to wear a school uniform . . .



. . . but most of them do wear the same things: casual clothes such as jeans, trainers, sweatshirts, etc.

What would you wear to school if you were staying in France?

- French children have to buy their own school equipment, including exercise books!
- The school day in France is quite long. Many schools start at 8.00 a.m. and finish at 5.00 p.m. However, lunchtime might last for two hours!



- French schoolchildren may have classes on a Saturday morning, but they also have *la pause du mercredi* – Wednesday afternoon is free.
How would you feel about that?

- The French school system numbers the years differently:

English

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Sixth-form college

French

sixième

cinquième

quatrième

troisième

seconde

première terminale