



# Improving language skills at Collège La Fraternité, Sevran, France

## Client Overview

Collège La Fraternité is a prestigious private Muslim college located in the suburbs of Paris, France. The school serves students from the 6th to the final year of secondary education (equivalent to grades 6 to 12 in the U.S. system), with a total of 12 class groups across seven grade levels. Their mission is to lead students on the path to academic excellence, a goal they consistently meet as evidenced by their students' exceptional performance in the national Baccalauréat exams, where their success rate surpasses the national average. The school takes pride in its strong academic programs and the quality of its teaching.



## Initial Contact and Pain Points

The first point of contact was Kira Seita, an English teacher at the college. She reached out to SmartClass because she wanted to enhance her students' oral language skills, particularly focusing on improving pronunciation and intelligibility in English. The existing technology and curricula in place at Collège La Fraternité were not providing enough opportunities for students to practice speaking and pronunciation at the level required. Kira was looking for a solution that could offer more dynamic, interactive, and focused practice for her students in these areas.

## Project Details



After several rounds of budget discussions and changes in requirements, Collège La Fraternité decided to purchase a SmartClass language lab setup with 24 student stations plus one teacher station (24+1 setup). This installation includes the LIVE and HUB features for interactive language practice and content management. Initially, they had requested both English and Arabic curricula but decided to forego these at the time of purchase. However, they quickly regretted not opting for the English Language Teaching (ELT) curriculum and are likely to include it in their next budget round. The school is also considering transitioning to a cloud-based system to allow students and teachers to access the platform from outside the language lab, offering greater flexibility.

## Why SmartClass Was Chosen

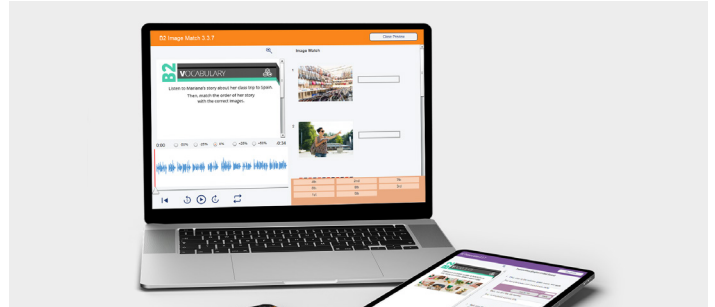
According to the project lead, Ms. Seita, the decision to choose SmartClass was influenced by the comprehensive range of activities the platform offers for speaking and pronunciation practice, both with and without AI support. She also appreciated the hands-on approach of the SmartClass team, who took the time to guide her through the software in live demonstrations. The breadth of activities and the platform's focus on boosting oral practice set SmartClass apart from other solutions the school considered.

### Future Outlook



Looking ahead, Collège La Fraternité plans to expand its use of SmartClass. The next steps include purchasing the English curriculum they initially omitted, as well as exploring the option to add other languages, such as Arabic, which was part of their original request. The potential move to a cloud-based system will also allow more flexible use of the platform, enabling learning to continue beyond the walls of the language lab. Given the school's reputation for academic excellence, its success with SmartClass could inspire other similar institutions to follow suit.

### Impact on Language Learning Goals



SmartClass will have a significant impact on the language learning goals set by Kira and her team. The tools provided by the platform will enable students to spend more time practicing speaking and pronunciation, which directly addresses the issues Kira first identified. The platform's interactive features will make language lessons more engaging, and the students are expected to respond positively, with English becoming one of the most popular subjects at the school.

“ It was a seamless implementation, and we had a lot of support not only on how to use the platform but also, more importantly, on how to teach with such powerful and enticing technology. Our students love it, and English lessons have become a popular topic among them! I strongly recommend working with SmartClass as they act with the teachers' interests in mind.”



### Inspiration for Future Clients

Collège La Fraternité's journey with SmartClass is a testament to how cutting-edge educational technology can align with a school's mission of excellence. From overcoming initial challenges to planning for future growth, their experience highlights the transformative power of interactive language learning platforms. The success of their project is not just a win for their students but also a model for other schools aiming to improve language proficiency through innovative solutions. SmartClass provided the tools, support, and expertise to help Collège La Fraternité meet their goals and set a path for continuous improvement in their language programs.