



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: French

Year: 11

Curriculum covered

Autumn Term

Au collège Discussing school subjects, teachers, facilities, school rules, healthy living and how to make the most out of school, as well as comparing school in the UK and in French-speaking countries. Grammar: retrieval of comparatives, the present tense, 'il faut' and 'il est interdit de' + infinitive, the imperative with regular verbs and reflexive verbs, adverbs, retrieval of the future tense, the pronoun 'on'.

Bon travail Discussing future studies, career choices and employment, and talking about plans, hopes and wishes. Grammar: job nouns, retrieval of the conditional, 'better/worse', 'the best / the worst', the perfect infinitive, the subjunctive, direct object pronouns in the perfect tense, verbs followed by à or de.

Spring Term

Un oeil sur le monde Discussing problems facing the world, how to protect the environment, ethical shopping and volunteering. Grammar: 'pouvoir' and 'devoir' in the conditional, the passive, indirect object pronouns.

Revision: Lessons, which will cover all four skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing), for retrieval and practice based on the misconceptions and the gaps in knowledge identified following the first mock exams. Lessons will be adapted every week, to meet the needs of the pupils after formative assessments in class and following homework. Past papers and practice papers will be used in lessons to provide advice and draw attention to common pitfalls.

Internal Assessment

Formative assessments will take place regularly during the lessons to identify and address misconceptions, such as lesson reviews, vocabulary tests, mini-whiteboard translation tasks, self-assessments, teacher feedback in exercise books.

Pupils will also have assessments in class:
Listening + Speaking (Module 6) in October
Reading + Writing (Module 7) in January

These are in addition to the mock exams scheduled in the autumn and spring terms.

Homework plays a vital part in the curriculum with opportunities to practise the vocabulary, grammar, and phonics, as well as completing the Speaking and Writing booklets and practising Listening and Reading skills on Active Learn.

Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Key dates (mocks and final exams)

We are using AQA for the French GCSE exams.

Final exams:

Paper 1 – Listening (40 marks Foundation, 50 marks Higher) 25%

Paper 2 – Speaking (60 marks) 25%

Paper 3 – Reading (60 marks) 25%

Paper 4 – Writing (50 marks Foundation, 60 marks Higher) 25%

Mock exams:

28 November – 9 December: all four papers (modules 1 to 7).

27 February – 12 March: all four papers (all modules).

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

1. All the vocabulary and grammar you need for the French GCSE is in your Study Booklet.
2. You can also use Active Learn to practise listening, reading, grammar and vocabulary.
3. Quizlet is a great website to help you with vocabulary learning and spelling of key phrases. The links to specific Quizlet sets are already on Synergy.
4. CGP - GCSE French AQA Complete Revision & Practice book (with Online Edition & Audio).
5. www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/ helps you practise various skills organised in topics.
6. www.languagesonline.org.uk and www.language-gym.com to practise grammatical points.
7. www.memrise.com is a website which helps you learn vocabulary on various topics.
8. www.newsinslowfrench.com enables you to practise your listening skills while listening to the news read at a slower pace.
9. <https://lyricstraining.com/fr/> enables you to practise your listening skills through songs.
10. www.apprendre.tv5monde.com Choose your level – listening and reading skills, news with transcripts and corrections.
11. [AQA | Find past papers and mark schemes](#) for past papers and marks schemes.