

Long Term Plan

French

KS4 (Year 10 and Year 11)

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Subject intent/vision:

In French we encourage our students to thrive and flourish academically by giving them an opportunity to excel in a traditional academic subject. Learning a foreign language also improves memory, develops problem solving skills and promotes critical thinking.

We provide our students with the opportunity to thrive and flourish personally by exposing them to a language and culture that is different to their own. This teaches them to be open-minded and enables them to reflect more deeply on their own world.

To enable all students to achieve, our subject curriculum is underpinned by the following principles:



Ambitious – the French curriculum is designed to promote success not just at KS3 and KS4, but also to promote language learning at KS5 and beyond. Through use of target language in the classroom we also encourage students to step out of their comfort zone.



Sequenced / Spiral – our curriculum progresses in a logical manner and topics are revisited in greater depth across the key stages. This promotes not only retrieval but also a developing complexity.



Literacy – the vocabulary and phonics skills that we teach in French lessons will broaden the students' knowledge of English vocabulary and through pair work they will also become confident communicators in another language.



Cultural Capital – in studying the French language, students will also learn about French history and traditions as well as modern society in the French speaking world today.

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From September 2026: KS4 French Programme of Study (YEAR 10 ONWARDS)

Autumn 1 (Y10)	Autumn 2 (Y10)	Spring 1 (Y10)	Spring 2 (Y10)	Summer 1 (Y10)	Summer 2 (Y10)
Vocabulary Focus: Free-Time, Interests, life online <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Francophone celebrations and festivals • Using the internet • Staying active • TV and Film preferences • Weekend activities Grammar Focus • Consolidation of present, future and past tenses Phonics Focus • -er and -é phonemes	Vocabulary Focus: Family and Friends <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Describing yourself • Weekend routine • Friends and friendships • Physical descriptions • Role models • Family celebrations • Photo description Grammar Focus • Reflexive verbs • Adjectives • Adjectival agreement • Connectives and sequencers • Present and perfect tenses • Using three tenses together Phonics Focus • Silent -s phoneme • -e phoneme (feminine adjectives) • Silent -ent phoneme	Vocabulary Focus: School <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • School life in francophone countries • Describing favourite subjects • School Rules • Describing primary school • What has happened at school recently • Learning languages Grammar Focus • Comparatives • Opinions and justifications • Il faut + inf. • Irregular perfect tense verbs • Imperfect tense Phonics Focus • -oi and -oy phonemes • -ais, aient, aient phonemes (imperfect)	Vocabulary Focus: Healthy Lifestyle <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Describing and giving opinions about different dishes • Mealtimes • Mental Health • Illnesses and accidents • Lifestyle changes Grammar Focus • Partitive article • Modal verbs • Perfect tense of reflexive verbs Phonics Focus • Du, de la, des • -eux -eut phonemes (pouvoir and devoir)	Vocabulary Focus: Holidays <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Describing holidays and accommodation • Describing an ideal holiday • Describing what you can do on holiday • Making holiday bookings • Global festivals Grammar Focus • Conditional tense • Imperfect tense • Si + present tense + simple future tense Phonics Focus • -ais, ait phonemes (conditional tense and imperfect tenses)	Vocabulary Focus: The environment <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Environment • Numbers and percentages • Climate • Environmental problems • Protecting the environment • Discussing new technology Grammar Focus • Comparatives and superlatives • Complex opinion structures • En + present participle • Etre en train de + inf. Phonics Focus • Open -o phoneme
Assessment: Listening, Reading, and Writing Paper	Assessment: Listening Reading and Writing Paper	Assessment:	Assessment: Listening, Reading and Writing Paper	Assessment:	Assessment: Adapted GCSE Mock Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking

From September 2026: KS4 French Programme of Study (YEAR 11 ONWARDS)

Autumn 1 (Y11)	Autumn 2 (Y11)	Spring 1 (Y11)	Spring 2 (Y11)	Summer 1 (Y11)	Summer 2 (Y11)
Vocabulary Focus : City and wider regions <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Understanding adverts • Describing where you live • Directions • Shopping preferences • Describing your ideal home • Travelling to other cities Grammar Focus • Demonstrative adjectives • Il y a • Adjective agreement • Using si clauses • Using multiple tenses together Phonics Focus • -i and -y phonemes • -au phoneme • Silent -e/s (Vert/verte/verts/vertes)	Vocabulary Focus: World of Work <i>Understand texts and spoken language and produce writing and interact in speech on the following topics:</i> • Summer plans • Future plans and hopes • Travel • Earning money • Future careers • Different jobs Grammar Focus • Conditional tense • Future tense structures (je veux, j'espere etc.) • Après avoir/être Phonics Focus • -eux/euse phonemes • -teur/trice phonemes • -en/enne phonemes • -er / ere phonemes	• Revision • Modules 1-3 • Photo description • Writing Paper Model Answers • High Frequency Words • Exam Practice • Mock Speaking Exam Preparation	• Revision • Modules 3-6 • Photo description • Writing Paper Model Answers • High Frequency Words • Exam Practice • GCSE Speaking Exam Preparation	• French GCSE Speaking Exams • French GCSE Written Exams	• GCSE Exams
Assessment: October Assessment: Listening and Reading Paper	Assessment: GCSE Mock Exam. Listening Reading, Writing and Speaking	Assessment:	Assessment: GCSE Mock Exam. Listening Reading, Writing and Speaking	Assessment:	Assessment:

GCSE Exam:

Paper 1: Speaking in French (25%)

Paper 2: Listening and understanding in French (25%)

Paper 3: Reading and understanding in French (25%)

Paper 4: Writing in French (25%)

Learning Resources:

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