



## French KS4 Curriculum Overview 2021-22

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Exam board and syllabus name: AQA French		Coursework N/A		Final examinations 100 % 25% for each of the four skills. Reading, writing, speaking, listening. Four separate examinations
<b>Year 10</b>				
Term	Unit/topic	Knowledge	Skills	Assessment
<b>Autumn term 1</b>	Theme 1: Identity and Culture: Family and Friends (Relationships with family and friends and marriage and partnership)	Reflexive verbs Direct object pronouns Immediate future and future tense Adjective agreements Comparatives and superlatives Using 'dont'	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Looking for clues when listening. Learning to distinguish word types (Cognates vs near- cognates). Understanding questions in French (Answering unprepared questions). Spotting patterns in French and English.	Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.
<b>Autumn term 2</b>	Theme 1: Identity and Culture: Technology in everyday life. (Social media and mobile technology).	Present tense of common irregular verbs. Present tense of regular –ir and – re verbs Pronouns Using 'on' 'Il est possible' + subjunctive	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Listening for key information. Working out the meaning of new words.	Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.



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			<p>Asking for clarification. Spotting more common patterns in French/ English. Listening for essential words. Pronunciation of verb endings.</p>	
<b>Spring term 1</b>	<p>Theme 1: Identity and Culture: Free-time Activities (Music, cinema and TV, food and eating out, sport)</p>	<p>Perfect tense Future tense Time phrases Adding reasons to produce complexity to answers. Verb + infinitive Demonstrative pronouns Emphatic pronouns Negative form Verb + infinitive</p>	<p>Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Paraphrasing when speaking. Spotting different words to express the same ideas. Using context when listening for detail. Translating strategies Using common patterns between French and English when reading.</p>	<p>Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.</p>
<b>Spring term 2</b>	<p>Theme 1: Identity and Culture: Customs and Festivals (France and customs, francophone festivals)</p>	<p>Reflexive verbs in the Perfect tense. Perfect infinitive Imperfect tense Perfect tense vs imperfect tense.</p>	<p>Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Using words which refer to similar item. Making use of social and cultural context when reading.</p>	<p>Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.</p>



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			Developing context of French-speaking countries.	
<b>Summer term 1</b>	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest: Home, town, neighbourhood and region (Home, where I live)	Conditional tense (regular and irregular verbs) Demonstrative adjectives Possessive pronouns Partitive articles Prepositions	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Recognising key topic words in reading and listening tasks. Building longer sentences. Simplifying and paraphrasing Using intensifiers.	Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.
<b>Summer term 2</b>	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest: Global Issues (Environment) Social issues (Charity work and voluntary work)	Modal verbs in the conditional If clause + present tense + future tense Recognising the pluperfect tense 'En' + present participle Using 'ce que'	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Making use of social and cultural context when listening/reading. Agreeing and disagreeing in a discussion. Reusing known words and phrases Using verbal context in listening	Mock examinations in all four skills.



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<b>Autumn term 1</b>	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest: Travel and Tourism (Holidays and travel, regions in France)	Perfect vs imperfect Using three-time frames (past, present and future) The pronoun ‘y’ ‘Depuis’ + present tense Structures such as ‘après avoir/être’, ‘venir de’	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Paraphrasing Sequencing words and phrases adding complexity to spoken and written language. Reading for gist. Using social and cultural context to understand meaning.	Writing, grammar and translation assessment. Plus, either reading or listening assessment.
<b>Autumn term 2</b>	Theme 3: Current and future study and employment: My studies. Life at school / College (School Subjects, Life at school and college)	Perfect tense Modal verbs Conditional tense Emphatic pronouns Time phrases ‘il faut’ Adverb of time and places	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Using visual and verbal context in reading. Using more than one tense in a sentence.	Mock examinations in all four skills.
<b>Spring term 1</b>	Theme 3: Current and future study and employment: Education post-16, jobs, career choices and ambition	If clause in the present tense. ‘Quand’ clause with the future tense.	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus:	Additional mock exams in reading, writing & listening.



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	(University work, choice of career)	Passive voice in the present tense.	Ignoring words that are not needed in listening tests. Being aware of false friends when translating into English. Using French idioms.	
<b>Spring term 2</b>	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest: Social and global issues. (healthy and unhealthy living, inequalities, poverty in the world)  Revision of all topics covered in the GCSE course.	The pluperfect Present tense forms of the subjunctive  Retrieval of all elements covered in the GCSE course.	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills. Plus: Using questions to formulate answers. Using verbal context when listening. Dealing with longer texts.	Mock speaking exams.
<b>Summer term 1</b>	Revision of all topics covered in the GCSE course.	Retrieval of all elements covered in the GCSE course.	Exam technique in all four skills. Translation skills.	Actual speaking exams.
<b>Summer term 2</b>	<b>Most of this half term is made up of study leave and GCSEs.</b>			