



Key Stage: 4

**Subject: French** 

**Aims of the subject:** Our aim is to inspire a love of languages and an appreciation for different cultures. We want to broaden pupils' horizons and educate them about the advantages of being globally aware and culturally sensitive. We aim to teach pupils the importance of being literate, of having excellent communication skills, and of speaking more than one language in our increasingly global community.

Lessons are highly interactive and pupils will practise the skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing throughout the GCSE course. We will build an awareness of French grammar to enable pupils to manipulate language and express themselves with increasing confidence. We will practise a range of examination style questions and skills to ensure pupils are well prepared for the GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.

GCSE Examination Board: AQA. There are 2 tiers of entry, higher and foundation. Pupils can only be entered for one tier, not a combination

#### **Assessment Overview:**

Listening: 25% examination at the end of Year 11
Reading: 25% examination at the end of Year 11
Speaking: 25% examination at the end of Year 11
Writing: 25% examination at the end of Year 11

Year	What will I learn?	Assessment
Year 9		
		Your child will be issued with the following:
Term 1	Module 1: Qui suis-je? <i>Theme 1: Identity and culture</i>	
	Talking about friends and what makes a good friend	A text book "Studio AQA GCSE French
	Talking about family relationships	Foundation" and a Grammar and
	Making arrangements to go out	Translation workbook
	Describing a day out	
	Discussing role models	Regular vocabulary tests on core language and
		grammar focus on the studied units
	End of Unit exams : Listening, reading and writing	

### Term 2 Module 2: Le temps des loisirs- *Theme 1: Identity and culture*

Talking about sport
Talking about using technology
Discussing reading habits and music
Talking about television programmes
Talking about a night out with friends

**End of Unit exam: Speaking** 

#### Term 3

# Module 3: Jours ordinaires, jours de fête - *Theme 1: Identity and culture*

Describing your daily life Shopping for clothes Describing festivals and traditions Talking about shopping for a special meal Describing family celebrations

**End of year exams** 

New Style AQA assessment questions each term including some of the following:

#### Listening:

A variety of length including rubrics in English and French

#### Reading:

A variety of length including literary texts, rubrics in English and French.
Translation into English.

#### Speaking:

Role plays Photo cards General conversation

## Writing:

#### Foundation:

Message task based on a photo 2 writing tasks 40 and 90 words Translation into French

Year	What will I learn?	Assessment
Year 10		
		Your child will be issued with the following:
Term 1	Module 4: De la ville à la campagne - Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest  Describing a region  Talking about your town, village or district  Discussing what to see and do  Discussing plans and the weather  Describing community projects  End of Unit assessment	A text book "Studio AQA GCSE French" and a Grammar and Translation workbook  Regular vocabulary tests on core language and grammar focus on the studied units
Term 2	Module 5: Le grand large Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest  Talking about an ideal holiday Booking and reviewing hotels Ordering in a restaurant Talking about travelling Buying souvenirs Talking about holiday disasters	New Style AQA assessment questions each term including some of the following:  Listening: A variety of length including rubrics in English and French
Term 3	End of Unit assessment  Module 6: Au collège <i>Theme 3: Current and future study and</i>	Reading: A variety of length including literary texts, rubrics in English and French. Translation into English.
	employment  Talking about your school  Comparing school in the UK and French-speaking countries  Discussing school rules  Discussing healthy living  Discussing vices	Speaking: Role plays Photo cards General conversation

Talking about a school exchange  End of Unit assessment  Mock Exam Papers	Writing: Foundation: Message task based on a photo 2 writing tasks 40 and 90 words Translation into French Higher: 1 structured and 1 open ended writing task 90 and 150 words Translation into French
	Translation into French

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Year 11		Your child will be issued with the following:
Term 1	Module 7: Bon travail! Theme 3: Current and future study and employment	A text book " Studio AQA GCSE French" and a Grammar and Translation workbook
	Discussing jobs and work preferences Discussing career choices Talking about plans, hopes and wishes Applying for jobs Understanding case studies	Regular vocabulary tests on core language and grammar focus on the studied units
	Mock Exam	
Term 2	Module 8: Un oeil sur le monde <i>Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest</i>	New Style AQA assessment questions each term including some of the following:
	Talking about what makes you tick Discussing problems facing the world	Listening:

	Talking about protecting the environment Discussing ethical shopping Talking about volunteering Discussing big events  Mock Exam	A variety of length including rubrics in English and French  Reading: A variety of length including literary texts, rubrics in English and French. Translation into English.
		Speaking: Role plays Photo cards General conversation
Term 3	Revision of all KS4 modules and exam preparation	Writing: Foundation: Message task based on a photo 2 writing tasks 40 and 90 words Translation into French Higher: 1 structured and 1 open ended writing task 90 and 150 words Translation into French

#### **Extra-curricular opportunities**

Exchange visit to Paris in year 11

### How you can support your child's progress

Pupils will be issued with a textbook linked to their course programme. You can also support your child by helping him/her learn the vocabulary specific to the topics studied. Each module has a vocabulary page in the textbook at the end of each unit of work. You can test your child's understanding of the words and phrases that they will be learning, as well as test the accuracy of their spelling.

When your child is working on a written homework, check that he/she has done a draft before writing a neat version in his/her exercise book. We want to encourage pupils to refer to previously corrected work, to check their use of vocabulary by referring to glossaries. With your support, we want to ensure that your child puts in the effort and care required into all their work, in class as well as at home, so that they gain good learning habits, which will stand them in good stead for future assessments and examinations. A "little and often" approach suits the subject best, rather than leaving it until the end.