French Curriculum Map 2024-25

Intent

The French curriculum aims to inspire students to become strong communicators and to understand gist and details in extracts from a range of authentic sources. We strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and something students should enjoy and find rewarding. Through a knowledge-rich curriculum, students acquire an in-depth understanding of the core vocabulary and grammatical structures, which they can use and manipulate in a range of contexts. Our intent is to enable students of all abilities to develop their French language skills to their full potential, equipping them with the knowledge to communicate in a variety of contexts with confidence. The French curriculum is delivered through a wide range of activities focusing on developing the key four languages skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing). By the end of Year 11, will have a systematic knowledge of the vocabulary, grammar, and the sound and spelling systems of their new language. They will have had the opportunity to reinforce this knowledge with extensive planned practice and use, in order to build the skills needed for communication. The content of the new language is taught in a creative and stimulating way to widen students' knowledge of the culture, history and literature of the French-speaking world. The ability to understand and communicate in another language is a lifelong skill for education, employment and leisure both in this country and throughout the world.

Implementation								
Term	1	2	3	4	5		6	
Year 7	introduce themselves and use a range of greetings. They will study how to ask and answer a range of questions about themselves, including name, age, birthday, nationality and personality. This will enable students to conduct a short conversation with a French-speaking person. Students will also learn to pronounce all the letters in the alphabet and count to 31 as a minimum. They will be able to understand key details on short written and audio extracts.	pets. They also learn to describe, using key verbs 'avoir' and 'etre', developing their awareness of sentence structures when describing self and others. There is focus in this unit on adjectives, learning the colours and appearance adjectives. Students understand adjectival agreement and word order with talking about their personality and their physical features. Pupils also develop their ability to express simple opinions about family members and preferences about colours and animals. In this unit, students are introduced to the photo description task, learning key vocabulary to describe a photo.	Students will secure their knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to school, subjects, opinions and justifications. They will be able to describe a timetable using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock. They will also learn how to talk about activities they do at break time and after school. Students will also acquire vocabulary about free time activities and giving simple opinions about what they like/dislike. This will give students a good introduction on how to conjugate in the target language and start to form more complex sentences.	They will also learn how to describe location, using a range of prepositions. Students are also introduced to the conditional tense and near future tense for the first time, developing their ability to say where they would like to live and where they are going to live in the future. They will continue to practice photo descriptions related to the topic of town. Students will also be introduced the read-aloud task. GCSE Thematic Context link: My neighbourhood	include recapping all key content covered across the year. This will include vocabulary as well as grammatical structures. Exam skills will be practised within each lesson, with a focus on Listening, Reading and Writing skills.	End of Year Exams	Revision ahead of end or year exams Exam skills will continue to be practised within each lesson with a focus on Listening Reading and Writing skills. Feedback Students will be provided with feedback from their Receptive Skills paper, as well as their Writing paper, to ensure misconceptions are addressed and key content (both vocabulary and grammar) is embedded before moving into Year 8. Culture point: Students will learn about Lafête de la musique and lister to French music. Cultural project: After their exams and feedback lessons, students will work in small groups to create a French verb conjugation song.	
Year 8	(Going Out & Staying In) Students will secure their			Les vacances (Holidays) The final unit of Year 8 will teach students about different types of		End of Year	Revision ahead of end o year exams Exam skills will be practised within each lesson, with o	

	phrases for talking about different activities. By the end of the module students will be able to use the present tense of -er verbs (all 6 forms), talk about hobbies, express preferences about their free time activities and make comparisons. Photo descriptions and readaloud tasks will be practised relating to the topic of hobbies and free time.	expressing opinions. They also develop their ability to discuss their hopes and ambitions for the future, combining more than one way of expressing the future time frame. Students will learn different jobs and the tasks and skills that they involve. They will practice the conditional and the near future tense by talking about what they would like to do and what plans they have for the future. Photo descriptions and readaloud tasks will be practised relating to the topic of jobs. GCSE Thematic Context link:	focus for this part of the unit is on reflexive verbs in the present tense. Students will also learn	,	as well as Year 7 content. This will include vocabulary as well as grammatical structures with a focus on using the different tenses together. Exam skills will be practised within each lesson, with a focus on Listening, Reading and Writing skills.		focus on Listening, Reading and Writing skills. Feedback Students will be provided with feedback from their Receptive Skills paper, as well as their Writing paper to ensure misconceptions are addressed and key content (both vocabulary and grammar) is embedded before moving into Year 9. Culture point: Students will study Bastille Day. Cultural project: After their exams and feedback lessons, students will spend time working in small groups to research a Francophone book or a film and deliver a presentation on it.
Year 9	Ma famille et mes rapports (Family & Relationships) The first unit in Year 9 combines revision of previously learnt language with the introduction of a wider range of vocabulary, allowing for a more mature and sophisticated way of describing people, personal relationships and future wishes. Students also extend their ability to express preferences, future plans and to narrate events in the past, including a range of past tenses. Students also recap key reflexive verbs but in this unit, the verbs are more specifically regarding relationships.	Ma ville et ma région (Town & Region) Students will build upon content seen in Year 7 related to their home and local area. They will practice places in a town, describing an area, the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city and a past trip. In this unit students further develop their ability to compare different countries and cultures. They extend their knowledge about the French-speaking world or an area of a French speaking country by learning about different places. The grammar focus will be on negative structures, modal verbs and comparatives and superlatives.	and reflexive verbs in the context of festivals. They will also build on the food and drink vocabulary seen in Year 8 and will revisit Christmas traditions but focussing on more complex GCSE content. Students will learn how to give more complex opinions and recommendations regarding different festivals and music events. Students will revisit the direct	improve their social and environmental understanding through the target language. They will study different problems around the world, and what can be done to protect the environment. Students will embed the knowledge from earlier in Year 9 about the imperfect tense in the context of talking about how	well as grammatical structures. Exam skills will be practised within each lesson, with a focus on	End of Year Exams	Revision ahead of end of year exams Exam skills will be practised within each lesson, with a focus on Listening, Reading and Writing skills. Feedback Students will be provided with feedback from their Receptive Skills paper, as well as their Writing paper to ensure misconceptions are addressed and key content (both vocabulary and grammar) is embedded before moving into Year 10 and beginning the KS4 curriculum. Cultural project: After their exams and feedback lessons, students will research and present on a French festival e.g. Bastille Day

Students will continue to develop their photo description and read-aloud tasks on the topic of family. GCSE Thematic Context link: My personal world	•	and festivals in the French speaking world. GCSE Thematic Context link: My personal world, Travel and Tourism	Students will start completing their Speaking booklet in preparation for their GCSE exam. GCSE Thematic Context link: My neighbourhood			
Students will revisit and build upon the topic of free time activities introduced in KS3. They will study sports, music, TV and film. They will also talk about social media and gaming. Students continue to practice using four tenses together, as well as regularly practicing exam skills for all four papers based on the thematic contexts of My Personal world and Media and Technology. Students do an end of unit reading, writing and listening assessment. Students will start working on Role-Play cards related to this topic. Photocard practice will be based on free-time activities, and students will continue completing a Speaking booklet in preparation for their GCSE exam. GCSE Thematic Context link: My personal world, Lifestyle and Wellbeing, Media and technology	By the end of the module students will be able to talk about talk about self and family, relationships and how they get on with others, and describe their plans for the future regarding marriage and children. They will also learn vocabulary regarding love, equality and respect. They will continue to practice photo descriptions related to the topic of family and relationships. GCSE Thematic Context link: My personal world	Students will have the opportunity to practice exam skills and will receive feedback on extended pieces of writing.	subjects, rules, uniform, facilities, clubs and achievements. They will also talk about different problems in schools. They will go on to recap describing jobs and advantages and disadvantages of each. They will also describe changes in the world of work and the impact of AI. They will continue to practice using four tenses together with a special focus on the future tense to discuss post-16 education and career	content covered so far across Year 10. 'My life' encapsulates the 4 topics and content within including hobbies, relationships and friendships, physical wellbeing, jobs, school and family. They will revise the use of the 5 different tenses needed to be successful in their end of year exams as well as the GCSE. Exams skills with be practised with a particular focus on Role Play cards and Photocards for the speaking exam. GCSE Thematic Context link: My personal world, Lifestyle and Wellbeing, Media and technology, Studying and my future, Travel and Tourism	End of Year Exams	Students will review all content seen throughout the year ahead of the Year 10 summer mock. There will be a special focus on exam technique through exam skills sessions and walking talking GCSEs exams. On completion of the exam, there will be whole class feedback sessions on all GCSE papers. This will ensure misconceptions are addressed and key content (both vocabulary and grammar) is embedded. On parle! (Let's speak!) The end of Year 10 will focus primarily on developing skills for the speaking exam in Year 11.

Year 11	Mon environnement (My environment)	Compte à rebours I (Count down 1) During this revision unit, key	Compte à rebours II (Count down 2) During this revision unit, key	Compte à rebours III (Count down 3) During this revision unit, key	Exam practise: Revision of all main topics. Speaking practice based on		Exams
	Students will build upon content seen in Years 7 and 9 related to places in town and environment. Students will learn how to describe the advantages and disadvantages of living somewhere. They will also be able to describe social and environmental problems where they live. They will study looking after the environment at home, serious global problems and how we can try to address them. They will feel confident in recognising and producing different tenses. More complex grammar is introduced this module with the use of the subjunctive. Photo description practice will be based on town and the environment, and students will continue to complete a speaking booklet in preparation for their GCSE exam. GCSE Thematic Context link: My neighbourhood	content will be reviewed on the following topics: School, Places in town, Future opportunities, Equality, Family, Tourist attractions, Accommodation, Natural world, Sports, Mental wellbeing, Free time activities, Social media, Family and Relationships. Exam skills will be covered in the following ways: Speaking: describing a stimulus	content will be reviewed on the following topics: Food, Tourist attractions, Natural world, Places in town, Accommodation, Equality, Food, School, Relationships, Environmental issues, Future opportunities. The exam skill focus this term will be on speaking: Practising reading aloud tasks and follow up questions. Practising role plays in specific settings: doctor's surgery, hospital, leisure centre, café/restaurant, at the shop. Practising describing a picture stimulus and answer two compulsory questions related to the picture. Preparing general questions for the topics of student's chosen	content will be reviewed on the following topics: Holidays,	photocard, general conversation, role-play and read aloud.		
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Year 12	students will start an intensive grammar programme linked to the thematic content. The grammar focus recaps basic French grammar, including the present, perfect and near future tenses, reflexive verbs and pronouns. The course starts with studying Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends. In this	Students will continue to study the topic of La famille en voie de changement (the changing nature of family) but look specifically at La «cyber-société» (cyber-society) and Le rôle du bénévolat (the role of	specific skills and assessment tasks in speaking, essay writing, listening, reading, summary writing and translation into and from target language in this term. The grammar focus becomes more challenging in this term as new concepts are introduced. Students are exposed to the pluperfect tense and the perfect infinitive as well as the past	develop even further their skills in speaking, essay writing, listening, reading, summary writing and translation into and from target language. Grammar continues to be taught holistically along with content in this term, with a focus on more challenging parts of French grammar.	Revision of all the topics covered in Year 1 of this 2-year course. Students continue to practise their 'mini' IRPs which will be delivered in their End of Year speaking exam. Focus is also on practising the photocards for the speaking exam. Essay practise on La Haine continues ahead of the Paper 2	End of Year Exams	Revision and Exam practise: Revision continues of all the topics covered in Year 1 of this 2-year course. Feedback Students will be provided with feedback from all three papers to ensure misconceptions are addressed and key content (both vocabulary and grammar) is embedded before moving into the

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Impact:

To ensure that all students achieve mastery in specified knowledge, students are formatively assessed regularly at KS3 teaching is adapted accordingly. Assessment data is used to judge the success of the curriculum and progress towards mastery, with teaching time allocated to the re-teaching of specific knowledge. Knowledge of vocabulary is assessed through fortnightly vocabulary tests at KS3, and weekly tests at KS4. There will be regular feedback given on the progress made in the four main skills: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. The impact of the curriculum upon students

becoming linguists who can communicate effectively in the target language is assessed through students' participation during lessons and their engagement with homework tasks. Extra-curricular activities such as a trip to France and a languages enrichment club will also provide students with the opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt in the classroom, and to experience first-hand the benefits of learning another language.