Roundwood Park School

KS4 French (Edexcel 1FR0)



The aims and objectives of GCSE French are to enable students:

- to communicate in authentic situations with native speakers while travelling in a French-speaking country
- to deepen their understanding of how language works grammatically and develop their vocabulary so that they can create their own spontaneous written or spoken sentences
- to develop comprehension of a variety of authentic, extended written and spoken (at near normal speed) texts in French
- to understand and discuss a number of topics relevant to the student's everyday life (building on knowledge from KS3)
- to develop a passion for the customs and culture of French-speaking countries around the world
- to develop confidence, perseverance, and resilience skills by learning from mistakes that occur as a normal part of language-learning
- to prepare students for further study of French at A-level, where applicable

Assessment objectives:

AO1 Listening and understanding in French

AO2 Speaking in French (1 roleplay, 1 picture-based discussion, 1 conversation on 2 topics)

AO3 Reading and understanding in French (including 1 translation into English)

AO4 Writing in French (FOUNDATION: 3 written questions + 5 short translations into French HIGHER: 2 written questions + 1 translation into French)

Edexcel's five themes for teaching are:

- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday and travel
- School
- Future aspirations, study and work
- International and global dimension

Year / term	Unit of work: topic vocab	Grammar
Year 10 Autumn Term 1	Theme 1 : Qui suis-je? -family members -physical descriptions -characteristics -relationship vocabulary -opinions -arranging to go out -describing a night out -talk about when younger -talk about role models	-present tense -perfect tense -imperfect tense -near future tense -reflexive verbs -emphatic pronouns -possessive adjectives -relative pronoun qui -adjectival agreement
Super Curricular	-Read some simple French poems: https://www.frenchtoday.com/french-poetry-reading/ -Find out about the life and times of your favourite French figure – from history or in the news today	

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Year 10 Autumn Term 1	Theme 1: Les loisirs -say what instruments you play -say how you listen to music -describe a concert -give opinions about French music -give opinions about sport -say what you do online -talk about books and reading -talk about what you have watched on TV -talk about films you have watched	-jouer à / faire de -y / en -depuis + present tense -comparative -superlative -relative pronoun que -direct object prouns
Super Curricular	 -Read a comic book or graphic novel in French (lots in the library) -Listen to French music and share with your French class. -Watch your favourite sport with French commentary 	

baseline tests in September half-termly assessments of exam skills in topics studied so far year 10 mocks in March/April in all exam skills

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Year 10 Spring Term 1	Theme 3: Le collège -opinions about school subjects -describing a school day -French school system compared to ours -school rules -school clubs and rewards -school trips	-Imperative -simple future tense
Super Curricular	-Watch a French film/show (see school library / Amazon / Netflix) -Watch some French YouTubers or TikTokers	

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Year 10 Spring Term	Theme 2: Ma region -describing the location of a region -talk about transport -types of house, room, furniture -places in town -directions -opinions about a region -understand tourist information -asking for tourist information -weather now and in the future -charity work in your area	-prepositions -'in' country/town/compass point -il y a in different tenses -negatives -quels/quelles etc -on peut + infinitive
Super Curricular	-Find out which countries make up <i>la Francophonie</i> . Make a fact file about each one -Invent a song/rap/mnemonic for a grammar point that younger students could use	

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Year 10 Summer term – Year 11 autumn	Theme 2: Les vacances	
term	-countries -types of holiday -ideal holidays -booking hotels -reviewing hotels -ordering in a restaurant -talking about travelling -prices -buying souvenirs -describing disasters -asking for help -lost property office -common ailments -conversation at a pharmacy	-conditional tense -reflexive verbs in the perfect tense -vous -enant -il faut -avant de -si clauses -demonstrative adjectives -demonstrative pronouns -perfect conditional -modals in the perfect tense -pluperfect tense
Super Curricular	- Find the lyrics of a French song you like and translate them into English -Follow your favourite French sportsperson/musician/artist/actor/politician on Twitter or Insta	

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Year 11 Autumn term	Theme 4: Le travail -languages and careers (done early in	-adverbs
	topic to aid A-level choices next term) -talking about a part-time job -talking about pocket money -talking about chores -types of job -sectors of industry -which areas of work appeal (or not) to you and why -future plans -applying for jobs -understanding case studies of jobs	-conditional tense -subjunctive -après avoir fait -d.o.p.s in perfect tense -dont -verbs followed by de and à -future si clauses
Super Curricular	-try <i>1jour1actu</i> for news that has been simplified for French kids -Find out about the Les Vies Noires Comptent movement.	

Assessment in year 11
 baseline tests in September
 half-termly assessments in exam skills in topics
studied so far
 mock exams in all skills in November/December
 extra speaking mock in March/April
 ACTUAL GCSE Speaking exam in April/May
 ACTUAL GCSE Listening, Reading and Writing exams
in May/June

Year / term	Unit of work: topic vocab	Grammar
Year 11 Autumn term	Theme 5: Le monde -opinions about human rights -world issues -environmental problems -what we can do for the environment -fair trade -charity work -international music/sporting events	-modal verbs in the conditional tense -passive -indirect object pronouns
Super Curricular	-Use <i>lyricstraining.com</i> to learn the words to your favourite French song against the clock	

Year / term	Unit of work: topic vocab	Grammar
Year 11 Spring term	Theme 1: Ma vie	
	-food and drink -healthy living -shopping for food -clothes -shopping for clothes -daily routine -food for celebrations -understanding statistics -describing festivals -dates	-de -il faut -d.o.ps -en -venir de -il y a = ago
Super Curricular	-make a traditional dish using a French recipe. Why not try food from Guadeloupe, Canada or Senegal? -Find out about a francophone festival. How could we celebrate them in school? Let the MFL department know your ideas.	