



Y11 Learning Journey. Subject: French GCSE

Exam Requirements: Your GCSE in French is structured, and examined, in the following way:

Paper One:	Paper Two:	Paper Three:	Paper Four:
<p>LISTENING</p> <p>F = 30 mins + 5 mins reading time (40 marks)</p> <p>H = 40 mins + 5 mins reading time (50 marks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - Q & A in English Section B - Q & A in French <p>Tasks include multiple choice, completing a table, positive/negative/both, true/false/not mentioned, comprehension gap-fill etc</p>	<p>SPEAKING (60 marks)</p> <p>F = 7-9 min (+ 12 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <p>H = 10-12 min (+ 12 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role-play card Photo card General Conversation based on two out of the three themes (3-5 mins at F; 5-7 mins at H) Students MUST ASK A QUESTION 	<p>READING (60 marks)</p> <p>F = 45 mins</p> <p>H = 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A in English Section B in French Section C - Translation into English <p>Multiple choice, gap-fill, comprehension answers, summary selection questions. Some short-adapted texts.</p>	<p>WRITING</p> <p>F = 1 HOUR (50 marks)</p> <p>Q1 – 4 sentences about a photo /8 Q2 – 40-word essay /16 Q3 – translation 5 sentences into French /10 Q4 – 90-word essay - choice of 2 titles /16</p> <p>H = 1 hour 15 mins (60 marks)</p> <p>Q1 – 90-word essay - choice of 2 titles /16 Q2 – 150-word essay choice of 2 titles /32 Q3 – translation into French /12</p>

Overview of the Year:

Week Beginning	The focus of your learning or revision this week:	Key assessment pieces or specific homework tasks (including deadlines of any coursework/NEAs)
05/09/22	School subjects / Opinions Describing your school - facilities / adjectives	Mid-module Quiz
12/09/22	Teachers / rules	
19/09/22	Uniform / adjectives	
26/09/22	Describing a past event / school trip / day Writing assessment preparation	
03/10/22	Future achievements / Plans for the future/ Speaking booklets	Writing assessment
10/10/22	Module 7 intro - jobs / what job you will do	
17/10/22	Places of work / ideal job	Vocab test - jobs
Half Term		
31/10/22	Careers - what you would like to do, suitability	
07/11/22	Future jobs	
14/11/22	Part time jobs	
21/11/22	Helping at home	Vocab test - part time jobs
28/11/22	Work experience	

05/12/22	Revision / Speaking preparation	
12/12/22	Assessment Week One	
19/12/22	Christmas in French-speaking communities	
Christmas Break		
09/01/23	Module 8 - what is important to you / worries	
16/01/23	Environmental problems	
23/01/23	Actions you take to protect the environment	Vocab test - environmental problems
30/01/23	Volunteer work	Vocab test - taking action
06/02/23	Social problems / homelessness / experience of voluntary work	Possible module assessment
Half Term		
20/02/23	Festivals	
27/02/23	Catch up / exam skills	
06/03/23	Assessment Week Two	
13/03/23	Revision of Theme 1 / Speaking booklet	
20/03/23	Revision of Theme 1 / Speaking booklet	
27/03/23	Revision of Theme 1 / Speaking booklet	
03/04/23	Revision of Theme 2 / exam skills	
Easter Break		
24/04/23	Revision of Theme 2 / exam skills / speaking exams	Provisional – speaking exams
01/05/23	Revision of Theme 2 / exam skills / speaking exams	Provisional – speaking exams
08/05/23	Past papers / exam skills / speaking exams	
15/05/23	Provisional start to the GCSE Exams	

<p>Exam Practice:</p> <p>You can find past papers to help support your revision and develop your exam technique here:</p> <p>GCSE French Revision resources (up to Jan) (padlet.com) Password NDMFL</p> <p>AQA GCSE French Assessment resources</p>	<p>Revision Materials:</p> <p>We advise that you use the following revision materials:</p> <p>GCSE French Revision resources (up to Jan) (padlet.com) Password NDMFL</p>
<p>Glossaries:</p> <p>Vocabulary lists to support your revision can be found here:</p> <p>GCSE French Revision resources (up to Jan) (padlet.com) Password NDMFL</p> <p>Use the section “Vocab”</p> <p>AQA GCSE French Flashcards Quizlet</p>	<p>Advice and Guidance for Revision</p> <p>Little and often is the key to effective revision for French. Start early revising your answers to your speaking questions, ten minutes a day, so that you really know your answers. If you know your speaking answers well, this is also effective revision for the writing paper, which requires a lot of the same content.</p> <p>Start by focussing on one or two speaking questions and practice them out loud a few times, then gradually add more questions as you start to remember your answers better.</p>

Make sure you practise them from memory, rather than reading them out from the booklet.

Ask a friend or family member to ask you the questions and to “put you on the spot”, like it will be in the real exam. It doesn’t matter if they don’t know French – they can ask the questions in English if needed. The important point is whether you have a ready answer under these circumstances. Your answer doesn’t need to be exactly the same as you prepared in the booklet; you just need to have a prompt answer. Remember that extending your answer using connectives and giving opinions and reasons is crucial.

Tenses are also really important to get a Grade 4+. If you struggle forming tenses, memorise some of the verbs on the sheets “Key verbs to know present tense” and “Really useful verbs in three tenses” (saved on the French Padlet).