



French Curriculum Plan

<u>Intent:</u> We aim to provide students with the opportunity to develop their communication skills and seek to break down barriers between different cultures and languages. Students study topics and themes that allow them to develop their oral and written literacy and to see links between their own language/community and those of others, but also to develop as more confident individuals and as global citizens who are successfully able to work, travel and navigate through the global community and work market.

Year	What will students learn?	Rationale	How will students be assessed?	What links are made to the real world, to careers, and to developing the skills of our students so that they become better linguists?
7	Introductions C'est perso – talking about yourself Mon college – my school Mes passetemps – free time Ma Zone – my region	The Y7 course focusses on pupils being able to give key information about themselves and their lives. We start off by looking at / recapping from KS2 introductory phrases in French (greetings, saying your name, age, birthdays, alphabet, family and pets) before we start the Studio course, in order to ensure that all pupils have the same foundation knowledge. The Studio course progresses from these basic by focusing in the first module on talking about yourself (likes and dislikes, personality, physical description), then we move onto describing your school. In M3 we talk about pupils' hobbies and free time (sports and technology), then in M4 describing their town and what there is to do there.	Baseline assessment – adapting a short-written dialogue (in first weeks) Vocab test on numbers 3 vocab tests per module A small mid-module assessment and an End of Module assessment for each module: M1 Speaking / Reading M2 Translation / Listening M3 Multiple-choice quiz / Writing M4 Tangled translation	We develop the key languages skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. Pupils develop the ability to accurately apply sound-spelling correlations via an understanding of key phonics, so that they can apply their understanding to new unfamiliar words / phrases. Behind each topic there is a strong emphasis on grammar. Pupils learn to talk about and use grammatical terms accurately, and this helps to develop their understanding and application of English.





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		These topics allow us to cover the necessary basics		We prepare pupils to be able to
		of grammar as well as the skills of listening,		communicate with others in
		speaking, reading, writing and translation. We focus		their own tongue and to
		on the key phonics that we meet to allow pupils to		understand other communities,
		understand and apply sound-spelling correlations.		preparing them for future
		In the first term we look at the definite and		opportunities in a global world.
		indefinite article, sentence building using basic		Pupils learn about families in
		connectives, the first and third person of avoir and		French-speaking communities,
		être, and adjectival agreement. Over the rest of the		what school is like, what are
		year we continue to focus on sentence formation,		popular hobbies in the French-
		how to develop from simple to extended sentences,		speaking world and about
		with good use of justified opinions. We learn to		towns and cities in French-
		form regular -er verbs in the present tense, and we		speaking countries.
		also meet the verbs faire and aller as well as the		
		phrase "il y a".		
8	T'es branché? –	The Y8 course continues from Y7, but with an	Revision quiz on Y7 content	We develop the key languages
	hobbies	added emphasis on talking and writing in different	(first weeks)	skills of listening, speaking,
	Paris, je t'adore – a trip	time frames. Again, our topics allow us to reinforce		reading, writing and translation.
	to Paris	and build up pupils' knowledge of grammar as well	3 vocab tests per module	Pupils develop the ability to
	Mon identité – talking	as to develop the skills of listening, speaking,		accurately apply sound-spelling
	about yourself	reading, writing and translation. We focus again on	A small mid-module assessment	correlations via an
	Chez Moi, chez toi -	the key phonics that we meet to allow pupils to	and an End of Module	understanding of key phonics,
	home	understand and apply sound-spelling correlations.	assessment for each module:	so that they can apply their
			M1 Listening / Speaking	understanding to new
		In Studio 2 we start by looking at more detailed	M2 Translation / Reading	unfamiliar words / phrases.
		content related to hobbies (films, TV, books, IT). At	M3 Multiple-choice quiz /	Behind each topic there is a
		this point we introduce ir and re verbs in the	Writing	strong emphasis on grammar.
		present tense, and we also start to see the past	M4 Tangled translation	Pupils learn to talk about and
		(perfect) tense. In the second module the past		use grammatical terms





		tense becomes our major focus as we look at how		accurately, and this helps to
		to describe and talk about a trip you have made,		develop their understanding
		including regular and irregular verbs. In Module 3		and application of English.
		we look at personality and family relationships,		
		music and clothes, with an introduction to reflexive		We prepare pupils to be able to
		verbs and also to the immediate future tense. In		communicate with others in
		Module 4 we look at describing your house, also		their own tongue and to
		food and drink. By this point there is a strong focus		understand other communities,
		on recognising and using all three-time frames		preparing them for future
		together in our work.		opportunities in a global world.
				Pupils learn about modern
				technologies and media, about
				Paris and its landmarks, how to
				describe themselves in more
				detail and about typical homes
				and food/drink in French-
				speaking countries.
9	Module 1 – Qui suis-je?	As we move into the GCSE course, we look first of	3 vocab tests per module	We develop the key languages
	(AQA sub-theme - Me,	all at the course and how it will be assessed. As		skills of listening, speaking,
	my family and friends)	with KS3, pupils continue to develop and build upon	A small mid-module assessment	reading, writing and translation.
		their skills of listening, speaking, reading and	and an End of Module	Pupils develop the ability to
	Module 2 – Le temps	writing, also translation, within AQA Theme 1.	assessment for each module:	accurately apply sound-spelling
	de loisirs (AQA sub-			correlations via an
	theme -Technology in	As a branching topic, our first module focusses on	M1 Translation / Listening,	understanding of key phonics,
	everyday life / Free-	family and friends, and recaps / reinforces previous	Reading & Writing	so that they can apply their
	time activities)	KS3 learning as well as adding additional vocabulary	M2 Listening / Speaking (Photo	understanding to new
	,	and structures. We revisit the present, perfect and	card and Role play)	unfamiliar words / phrases.
			M3 Multiple-choice quiz	





	Module 3 – Jour	immediate future tenses (in varying complexity		Behind each topic there is a
	ordinaires, jours de fête	depending on sets).	End of Y9 assessment –	strong emphasis on grammar.
	(AQA sub-theme -	In Module 2 we revisit previous learning on the	listening, reading and writing	Pupils learn to talk about and
	Customs and festivals)	topic of free time, looking at sport, TV, film, music,	(40 words).	use grammatical terms
	,	books and technology. We speak and write in		accurately, and this helps to
		extended sentences, with a focus on opinions and		develop their understanding
		justification as well as gaining further familiarity		and application of English.
		with three-time frames.		
				We prepare pupils to be able to
		In Module 3 we look at food and drink, describing		communicate with others in
		what you eat and drink for different occasions /		their own tongue and to
		meals and your opinions. We also focus on clothes		understand other communities,
		and describing what you wear for different		preparing them for future
		occasions, celebrations and daily routine. We learn		opportunities in a global world.
		to give a description of a special occasion in the		Pupils learn about families,
		past and to talk about a francophone festival we		friends and communities in
		would like to see in the future. Again, this allows us		French-speaking communities,
		to develop further competence in the use of the		popular hobbies and free time,
		three main time frames, but here we also put an		and about special occasions and
		emphasis on narrating skills and giving extended		celebrations in French-speaking
		descriptions.		countries.
10	Module 4 – De la ville à	In Year 10 pupils continue to develop and build	3 vocab tests per module	We develop the key languages
	la campagne (AQA sub-	upon their skills of listening, speaking, reading and		skills of listening, speaking,
	theme - Home, town,	writing, also translation, within AQA Theme 2/3.	A small mid-module assessment	reading, writing and translation.
	neighbourhood and	We work mostly at Foundation Level, but begin to	and an End of Module	Behind each topic there is a
	region)	introduce some Higher-Level style questions where	assessment for each module:	strong emphasis on grammar.
		appropriate.		Pupils learn to talk about and
			M4 Writing (essay question) /	use grammatical terms
			Listening and Reading	accurately, and this helps to





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	Module 5 – Le grand	In M4 we study vocab for places in town, adjectives	M5 Reading / Speaking (photo	develop their understanding
	large (AQA sub-theme	to describe where you live, the weather and	card and Role Play + unknown	and application of English.
	- Travel and tourism)	directions. Pupils learn to describe where they live	questions)	
		in detail and how to express justified opinions on	M6 Multiple-choice quiz	We prepare pupils to be able to
	Module 6 – Au collège	where they live and the positives and negatives.		communicate with others in
	(AQA sub-theme - My	In M5 we move to the topic of holidays, where	End of Year assessment –	their own tongue and to
	school/ college / My	pupils learn to describe their typical holidays, a	Listening reading and writing	understand other communities,
	studies / Education	holiday in the past and where they would like to go	(90 / 150 words).	preparing them for future
	post- 16)	in the future. We look at the full future tense and		opportunities in a global world.
		the conditional tense (as appropriate for the set).		Pupils learn about towns,
		In M6 we revisit the KS3 topic of school, and pupils		regions and weather in
		learn to describe their school, their opinions of		different French-speaking
		different subjects, teachers and rules. Where		communities, about travel and
		appropriate we look at the imperfect tense and we		tourism and about school life in
		also look at describing what you would like to do in		the Francophone World. They
		the future, with further use of the two future		learn key language and phrases
		tenses and the conditional tense. Pupils learn to		that they will need when
		give an account of a typical school day, using		staying in a French-speaking
		sequencers and narration. Pupils are able to use an		country.
		increasingly sophisticated range of tenses and		,
		structures in their work, considering the overlap		
		questions between Foundation and Higher Level.		
11	Module 7 – Bon travail!	In Year 11 pupils continue to develop and build	Vocab tests for each module	We develop the key languages
	(AQA sub-theme - Job,	upon their skills of listening, speaking, reading and		skills of listening, speaking,
	career choices and	writing, also translation, within AQA Theme 2/3.	Mid-module assessment for M7	reading, writing and translation.
	ambitions)	Pupils work at Foundation or Higher Level.	– writing (essay)	Behind each topic there is a
	ambitionsj	Tapine is an action action of the process of the pr	(2224)	strong emphasis on grammar.
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	Module 8 – Un œil sur	describe what jobs people have, what they would	(Foundation, Higher)	use grammatical terms
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theme - Social Issues / Global issues)

Revision and exam skills

like to be in the future and why, also to talk about a part-time job and to describe their work experience, narrating accounts in different time frames.

In M8 we look at environmental issues and pupils learn to describe environmental issues in the World, what they do to help the environment and what it is important to help the environment. Developed opinions and more sophisticated phrases to give opinions are used. We look at charity work and social issues such as homelessness. We also revisit healthy eating, alcohol, cigarettes and drugs (which are briefly covered in previous topics) and how to talk about healthy lifestyles. At all point in the unit, we look at giving strong, justified opinions using a range of more sophisticated vocabulary and phrases.

At the end of the course we focus on exam skills and preparing for the final exams. We look at example questions and attempt practice essays together for the writing paper, we develop the required skills for the role plays and photo cards as well as practicing and developing confidence for the general conversation part of the speaking exam, and we look at and analyse how to deal with the listening, reading and translation questions.

End of M8 assessment as appropriate

Mock exam - listening and reading

accurately, and this helps to develop their understanding and application of English.

We prepare pupils to be able to communicate with others in their own tongue and to understand other communities, preparing them for future opportunities in a global world. Pupils learn about the working world and jobs / careers in French-speaking communities, key environmental and social issues affecting Francophone countries and about healthy life choices.





- 12 Aspects of Frenchspeaking society: current trends
 - The changing nature of family (La famille en voie de changement)
 - The 'cybersociety' (La « cybersociété »)
 - The place of voluntary work (Le rôle du bénévolat)

Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

- A culture proud of its heritage (Une culture fière de son patrimoine)
- Contemporary francophone music (La musique francophone contemporaine)

In Year 12 the course is split between two teachers. With teacher 1, following on from GCSE content, we begin by studying the topic of family, and with teacher 2 pupils focus on cyber-society. Both of these topics follow on from familiar GCSE topics and function as branching topics between KS4 and KS5.

With teacher 1 we then move onto the study of French heritage and culture and with teacher 2 we look at francophone music. There is a large emphasis on the whole French-speaking World, and pupils learn to give clear examples, evidence and justification for their views and opinions. Pupils gain a developed knowledge of the cultures of different Hispanic countries as well as developed linguistic competence Pupils develop their skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking and translation.

The third topics are voluntary work with teacher 1 and cinema with teacher 2. Cinema then leads on to the study of the first literary topic, the study of the film "La Haine", where pupils learn to analyse and evaluate the film, including its characters, themes and techniques. They learn to write essays in the target language in preparation for paper 2.

Vocab tests for each sub-topic

End of topic assessment for each sub-topic – listening, reading, essay, stimulus speaking card.

End of Year assessment – listening, reading and writing, speaking.

Essay on film.

We develop the key languages skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. There is a very strong emphasis on grammatical accuracy. Pupils learn to talk about and use grammatical terms accurately, and this helps to develop their understanding and application of English. Pupils learn to write essays, make and justify their arguments, evaluate and analyse. They also develop their research skills in the target language.

We prepare pupils to be able to communicate with others in their own tongue and to understand other communities, preparing them for future opportunities in a global world as confident and able linguists. We study the changing family in Francophone communities, use of modern technologies, social issues around voluntary work, the rich heritage of Frenchspeaking countries, music and





	Cinema: the 7th art form (Cinéma : le septième art) Film – La Haine Grammar IRP	Pupils also begin to consider and plan what they would like to research for their Individual Research Project towards the end of Y12 in readiness for Y13. Much of the grammatical content of the A-Level course is covered in Y12. This allows pupils to speak and write in appropriately more sophisticated language as is required for essay writing and IRP preparation by the end of the year.		cinema in the past and the modern day. Through the study of the film, pupils develop a further understanding of life in modern France and the issues that affect modern society.
13	Aspects of French- speaking society: current issues • Positive features of a diverse society (Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse) • Life for the marginalised (Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?) • How criminals are treated (Comment on traite les criminels)	Pupils begin Y13 studying the novel « L'Etranger » and also continue to work on their IRP in more detail and depth. Through study of the novel, its character, themes and literary techniques, pupils are prepared for the essay exam paper 2, but are also introduced to French literature ready for potential further study. They also learn how to deal with reading an entire literary work, using skimming and scanning skills and also reading for detail, using quotations and relevant sections of the text to support their ideas. Via the IRP pupils develop their independent research skills ready for study post-18, as well as their presentation skills and their ability to talk about an aspect of French-speaking culture in depth, expressing opinions and using evidence and facts to support their arguments.	Vocab tests for each sub-topic End of topic assessments for each sub-topic – listening, reading, essay, stimulus speaking card. Mock exam x 2	We develop the key languages skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. There is a very strong emphasis on grammatical accuracy. Pupils learn to talk about and use grammatical terms accurately, and this helps to develop their understanding and application of English. Pupils learn to write essays, make and justify their arguments, evaluate and analyse. They also develop their research skills in the target language. We prepare pupils to be able to communicate with others in their own tongue and to understand other communities,





Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment (Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique)
- Demonstrations, strikes – who holds the power? (Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir?)
- Politics and immigration (La politique et l'immigration)

Novel – L'Etranger IRP Grammar

The Y13 topics are again split between two teachers. With one teacher pupils study aspects of French society and with the other they look at aspects of political life. These topics focus on real modern life in Francophone countries and pupils gain a detailed understanding of issues affecting society and people of their age in French-speaking communities. Pupils develop their skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking and translation.

There is a continued focus on grammar and the final requirements of A-Level grammar are covered throughout the year to enable pupils to write and speak at an advanced level.

At the end of the course we focus on exam skills and preparing for the final exams. We look at example questions and attempt practice essays together for the writing paper, we develop pupils' skills and knowledge of the French-speaking World for the speaking stimulus card and we look at and analyse how to deal with the listening, reading, writing and translation questions of paper 1.

preparing them for future opportunities in a global world as confident and able linguists. We study modern Francophone society and its diversity, about those who are marginalised, about crime, politics, immigration and racism. Through these topics pupils develop their understanding of key issues in their own society as well.

Through the study of the book, pupils develop the ability to appreciate a key literary work and to apply their developed linguistic understanding in greater depth.