



Y11 Learning Journey 2025-2026. 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>F = 7-9 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <p>H = 10-12 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading aloud passage and short conversation /12 Role-play /10 Picture task /12 and conversation /16. 	<p>F = 45 mins including 5 mins reading time</p> <p>H = 60 mins including 5 mins reading time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - Listening comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 Section B – Dictation /10 	<p>F = 45 mins</p> <p>H = 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - reading comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 Section B - Translation into English /10 	<p>F = 1 hour 15 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture based task /8 40-word essay – choice of 2 titles, 40-50 words /14 90-word essay - choice of 2 titles, 80-90 words /18 Translation of sentences into French /10 <p>H = 1 hour 20 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90-word essay - choice of 2 titles, 80-90 words /18 150-word essay- choice of 2 titles, 130-150 words /22 Translation of paragraph into French /10

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)
08/09/25	Numbers revision Percentages	
15/09/25	High numbers Environmental problems The (future) weather	
22/09/25	Protecting the environment - what are the biggest problems for the environment? Using the past tense Describing photos	Writing assessment
29/09/25	Protecting environment - what we do to help protect the environment Using the imperfect tense	
06/10/25	School and environmental projects Using a variety of tenses	
13/10/25	Recap and further consolidation of environment	
20/10/25	Rooms of the house Clothing	
Half Term		
03/11/25	PREPARATION FOR MOCK SPEAKING	

10/11/25	Speaking assessments	Speaking assessment
17/11/25	Developing exam skills – focus on writing	Listening assessment
24/11/25	Assessment week 1	
01/12/25	Compass points Describing where you live Prepositions	
08/12/25	Directions a/de with definite article Using negatives	
15/12/25	Feedback from mocks Shopping	
Christmas Break		
05/01/26	Describing ideal home Using si clauses	
12/01/26	Visiting other towns/cities Revision of question words Recognising tenses	
19/01/26	Recap and further consolidation of describing where you live	
26/01/26	Summer plans Both future tenses	
02/02/26	Future plans/hopes Infinitive phrases Using time sequencers	
09/02/26	Travelling/earning money Etre + perfect tense Role plays - at the station	
Half Term		
23/02/26	Listening and reading exam skills	Listening assessment
02/03/26	ASSESSMENT WEEK 2	
09/03/26	Possible career paths Possible future jobs	
16/03/26	Different jobs - pros and cons Translation into French	
23/03/26	Revision and consolidation of jobs and future plans Exam techniques and revision strategies	
30/03/26	Speaking exam preparation and practice	
Easter Break		
20/04/26	Revision - speaking focus	

27/04/26	SPEAKING EXAMS	Final GCSE speaking exams
04/05/26	SPEAKING EXAMS Exam skills - listening, reading and writing	
11/05/26	GCSEs Start	

Exam Practice:

There are no past papers this year as this is the first year of a new exam in MFL. However, you will find example material and practice questions here:

[GCSE French Revision resources \(up to Jan\) \(padlet.com\)](#) Password NDMFL

[Pearson Edexcel GCSE French \(2024\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

[GCSE French - Edexcel \(for exams from 2026\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Seneca - Learn 2x Faster](#)

Revision Materials:

We advise that you use the following revision materials:

[GCSE French Revision resources \(up to Jan\) \(padlet.com\)](#) Password NDMFL

Glossaries: Where to find them:

Vocabulary lists to support your revision can be found here:

[GCSE French Revision resources \(up to Jan\) \(padlet.com\)](#) Password NDMFL

Use the section "Vocab"

<https://quizlet.com/join>

Advice and Guidance for Revision

Little and often is the key to effective revision for French. Start early revising your answers to your list of example speaking questions, ten minutes a day, so that you really know how you would answer if you got some of these questions. If you know your speaking answers well, this is also effective revision for the writing paper, which requires use of a lot of the same content. 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. 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)

