

**Year 11 French at Abbey Park School
Exam Board AQA**

This sheet applies to Mrs Legatelois and Mrs Ryder's classes

Structure of the course: the GCSE course is assessed on a 9-1 scale. Students will take four exams which assess the four key skills areas. Each assessment is equally weighted at 25%. Students study the following themes on which the assessments are based. **Theme one:** Identity and culture. **Theme two:** Local, national, international and global areas of interest. **Theme three:** Current and future study and employment

The four exams are taken at the end of Y11 and are as follows:

- Listening. Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language in French and English.
- Speaking. Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes
- Reading. Understanding and responding to different types of written language in French and English
- Writing. Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes including translation

What did we cover in year 10?

In year 10 students looked at the following modules and themes:

Module One: qui suis-je (theme one). Relationships, role models, and lifestyles.

Module Two: le temps de loisirs (theme one). Media and culture.

Module Three: jours ordinaires, jours de fête (theme one). Food, shopping, and celebrations.

Module Four: de la ville à la campagne (theme two). Regions and towns, community projects, and weather.

Students are strongly encouraged to look back regularly at last year's notes to keep the vocabulary and structures fresh in their minds.

What we cover in Year 11

The remaining modules are as follows:

Module Five: le grand large (theme two). Holidays, travel, and holiday disasters.

Module Six: au collège (theme two and three). School life at home and abroad, healthy living, pressures on adolescents

Module Seven: bon travail (theme three). Career choices and future plans

Module Eight: un œil sur le monde (theme two). Global problems and the environment

We also revise previous topics, and complete a full range of mock assessments. Exam skills are further developed, and an opportunity for further study in our session six program is encouraged

Home study Plan

Home study is set every week by the teacher and will be at least an hour long. It will reflect work that has been in class. Examples of homework include extended writing tasks, verb tests, and online tasks from the active learn package. Students are expected to do additional independent learning in their own time to consolidate what has been covered in class.

Useful websites and books to help with revision and homework

There are a range of free language-learning apps and websites that are recommended not only by us, but by our alumni. These include but are not limited to:

Duolingo: a free language learning app that covers grammar and vocabulary.

BBC Bitesize. This newly revamped website includes videos, exam-style questions, and vocabulary lists.

Pearsonactivelearn.com. With a personal login, students can access listening, reading and grammar exercises.

Revisionworld.com This website has a huge database of past papers with audio and answer papers, from different exam boards. Great for practising exam skills.

Wordreference.com. Free online dictionary and verb conjugator.

Revision guides: there are many excellent revision guides and work books available to suit all learning styles, but we recommend CGP guides and knowledge organisers in particular.

Please also consider buying second hand copies of the AQA text book and/or Revision guides

Other Important information:

- 100% examination subject with the weighting split equally between the four skill areas. All examinations must be taken in the same exam season and pupils are entered for either Foundation OR Higher level; not a mix across skills
- A greater emphasis on questions in the target language: students need to recognise question words in French and respond appropriately
- Translation is now a key component of the examinations with French to English and English to French tested

For detailed course information visit: aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658