



The Year 10 French curriculum at Thomas Mills High School & Sixth Form focuses on developing pupils' confidence in using French across all four skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. This year deepens grammatical understanding and broadens vocabulary on practical, social, and global themes such as travel, media, local area, and environmental issues. Pupils are encouraged to use a wider range of tenses and express more complex opinions to prepare for the challenges of GCSE assessments (AQA 8652).

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Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	<p>Name of topics</p> <p>Celebrity culture</p> <p>Routes to fame</p> <p>Abilities and achievements</p> <p>Pros and cons of fame</p> <p>Travel and tourism</p> <p>Francophone islands</p>	<p>Knowledge: Pupils begin by exploring topics related to travel and tourism, including learning about Francophone islands, tourist activities and discuss ideal holiday destinations. They also cover aspects of celebrity culture in the Francophone world, also looking at routes to fame and pros and cons of being famous. Grammar includes the perfect and imperfect tenses, expressions with 'avoir', 'avant de' + infinitive, and using 'en' + present participle. Emphasis is placed on using multiple tenses in written and spoken French.</p> <p>Skills: Students will improve their ability to describe past and future holidays, describe the weather and explain pros and cons of being famous. They will also practise forming more complex sentences using a range of tenses and vocabulary relevant to real-world scenarios. Lessons focus on fluency and accuracy in both written and spoken communication.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> BBC Bitesize GCSE French – Offers grammar guides, vocabulary lists, videos, and practice questions tailored to GCSE content: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z9dwxnb Seneca Learning – Free interactive courses specifically aligned to GCSE French content with topic-based quizzes: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Languages Online – GCSE-level grammar and vocabulary exercises to reinforce classroom learning: https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ Quizlet – Searchable flashcards and games for revising French vocabulary by theme or module: https://quizlet.com/en-gb Oak National Academy – KS4 French – Structured lessons with videos and interactive tasks to support independent GCSE revision: Free KS4 French teaching resources Oak National Academy



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Assessments		<p>There are five assessments this term: one listening, one reading, two speaking assessments, and one writing task. These will evaluate pupils' grasp of key vocabulary and grammar, and their ability to describe and reflect on past and future travel experiences.</p>	
2	<p>Name of topics</p> <p>Media and technology</p> <p>The world before and after the Internet</p> <p>Mobile phones and social media</p> <p>Local area and attractions</p> <p>Types of homes</p> <p>Activities at home</p>	<p>Knowledge: This term includes the study of media and technology: the evolution of the internet, mobile phones, and digital safety. Pupils also explore local area topics such as housing, transport, and things to do in the region. Grammar focuses on revising present and past tenses, using 'avoir', 'être', 'faire', and 'aller', along with the imperative, modal verbs, and combining three time frames.</p> <p>Skills: Pupils will refine their ability to express opinions about technology, describe media habits, and discuss local issues such as transport or housing. They will practise switching between tenses, using detailed adjectives, and giving instructions or advice. Clear focus is placed on speaking and writing fluently using a wider range of structures.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> BBC Bitesize GCSE French – Offers grammar guides, vocabulary lists, videos, and practice questions tailored to GCSE content: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z9dwxnb Seneca Learning – Free interactive courses specifically aligned to GCSE French content with topic-based quizzes: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ Languages Online – GCSE-level grammar and vocabulary exercises to reinforce classroom learning: https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ Quizlet – Searchable flashcards and games for revising French vocabulary by theme or module: https://quizlet.com/en-gb Oak National Academy – KS4 French – Structured lessons with videos and interactive tasks to support independent GCSE revision:



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Assessments		There are four assessments this term: one listening, one reading, one speaking, and one writing task. These will assess pupils' ability to convey ideas accurately using appropriate grammar and vocabulary across a variety of familiar contexts.	
3	<p>Name of topics</p> <p>Global and environmental issues</p> <p>Water pollution</p> <p>How to be eco-friendly</p>	<p>Knowledge: In the summer term, pupils investigate pressing global and environmental issues, such as pollution, recycling, wildlife conservation, and energy use. They will also consider what actions can improve their town or the wider planet. Grammar includes the use of negatives, direct and indirect object pronouns, 'je voudrais', and prepositional verbs.</p> <p>Skills: Pupils will practise expressing ideas about how to care for the environment, using persuasive language and accurate grammar. This includes developing longer written answers and more structured spoken responses using a variety of grammatical constructions and topic-specific vocabulary.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBC Bitesize GCSE French – Offers grammar guides, vocabulary lists, videos, and practice questions tailored to GCSE content: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspe/cs/z9dwxnb 2. Seneca Learning – Free interactive courses specifically aligned to GCSE French content with topic-based quizzes: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ 3. Languages Online – GCSE-level grammar and vocabulary exercises to reinforce classroom learning: https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ 4. Quizlet – Searchable flashcards and games for revising French vocabulary by



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Assessment	There are three assessments this term: one writing, one reading, and one speaking. These are designed to check pupils' ability to articulate views on global topics using precise and complex language.		