



The Year 8 French curriculum at Thomas Mills High School & Sixth Form builds upon the foundational language skills introduced in Year 7. It further develops pupils' knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and cultural understanding while encouraging greater fluency and independence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Pupils explore topics relevant to their lives and interests while gaining insight into the wider Francophone world. The curriculum promotes confidence in using the language and a respect for cultural diversity.

Year 8			
Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	Name of topics My preferences Clothes and fashion Weekend activities Holidays Weather	Knowledge: This term covers the vocabulary and language structures related to clothing, preferences, weekend activities, and holidays. Pupils will learn to talk about their personal style, describe the weather and appropriate clothing, and discuss hobbies and national events. They will also describe past holidays, plan dream holidays, and identify necessary items for travel. Key grammar includes the present tense (ER, IR, and RE verbs), reflexive verbs, and the perfect tense with both 'avoir' and 'aller'. Skills: Pupils will develop their ability to talk about personal preferences and leisure activities, give opinions, and describe past and future holidays. They will practise forming questions, using a variety of verbs and tenses, and applying accurate adjective agreement. Through guided practice, they will build greater grammatical accuracy and confidence in expressing themselves in French.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BBC Bitesize French – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty2. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practice vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/3. Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/4. Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practice key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/5. Oak National Academy - French Year 8 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in French. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. Free KS3



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Assessments		<p>Assessment in this term will consist of two listening tasks, two reading tasks, one speaking, and one writing task. These standardised assessments will test pupils' understanding of vocabulary, their ability to describe and discuss their preferences, and their use of key tenses.</p>	
2	<p>Name of topics</p> <p>Body</p> <p>Sport</p> <p>Healthy living</p> <p>Jobs</p> <p>Plans for the future</p>	<p>Knowledge: This term pupils will explore sports, healthy living, parts of the body, and career aspirations. They will learn vocabulary for describing sports and injuries, naming jobs, and discussing future ambitions. Grammar covered includes the use of 'jouer' and 'faire', the conditional tense, 'depuis' with the present tense, and the perfect and imperfect tenses.</p> <p>Skills: Pupils will practise using a range of tenses together, asking and answering questions, and structuring longer pieces of writing. They will describe injuries, sports routines, and talk about the past and future. This term also encourages higher-level thinking as pupils begin to use more complex sentence structures and tenses in a range of contexts.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> BBC Bitesize French – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practice vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/ Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practice key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/



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Assessments		Standardised assessments will include two listening, two reading, one speaking, and one writing task. These will evaluate pupils' ability to describe healthy lifestyles, talk about sports and career plans, and use varied tenses accurately and effectively.	
3	<p>Name of topics</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>Celebrity culture</p> <p>My world and The Francophone world</p>	<p>Knowledge:</p> <p>In the final term, pupils will learn to talk about online behaviour, social media, and the benefits and dangers of new technology. They will describe where they live, their daily routines, and what they do to help others. Pupils will be introduced to some famous Francophone celebrities. Pupils will also explore the Francophone world, especially Africa, and discuss social issues. Grammar includes reflexive verbs, comparisons, the near future, and the perfect tense with 'être'.</p>	<p>1. BBC Bitesize French – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty</p> <p>2. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practice vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/</p> <p>3. Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises</p>



		<p>Skills: Pupils will enhance their ability to structure arguments, express opinions on social and cultural issues, and describe personal experiences. They will learn to compare lifestyles and recognise the importance of responsible online behaviour. The development of listening and reading comprehension will continue through authentic and meaningful contexts.</p>	<p>tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practice key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/5. Oak National Academy - French Year 8 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in French. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. Free KS3 French teaching resources Oak National Academy6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languagenut.com
Assessment	This term includes one listening and one reading assessment. These will test understanding of key vocabulary and grammar in the context of technology, social life, and cultural awareness.		