



The Year 9 French curriculum at Thomas Mills High School & Sixth Form deepens pupils' understanding of language and culture. With a strong focus on communication and personal expression, students will explore a range of meaningful topics such as relationships, health, education, careers, and global customs. Pupils will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking while using a broader range of vocabulary, grammatical structures, and tenses. This year also prepares students for the demands of GCSE study (AQA 8652).

Year 9			
Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	Name of topics Family Relationships Friendships Marriage Food preferences Health problems and addictions Lifestyle choices and habits Recent activities to stay healthy	Knowledge: Pupils will explore themes including family life, friendships, marriage, food preferences, health problems, addictions, and lifestyle choices. They will learn how to express detailed personal information, share views on relationships and health, and discuss ways to stay fit and healthy. Key grammar includes the present, near future and perfect tenses, reflexive verbs, adverbs, negatives, object pronouns, and comparative adjectives. Skills: By practising speaking and writing about personal and social issues, pupils will refine their ability to ask and respond to questions, express opinions, and use a range of tenses. Lessons will develop fluency, vocabulary range, and grammatical accuracy while encouraging thoughtful discussion on real-life topics	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 2. 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 9 – 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		There will be one assessment for each skill: reading, listening, speaking, and writing. These will assess pupils' ability to communicate personal views, describe relationships and habits, and use complex structures effectively.	
2	Name of topics School Future plans Jobs Hobbies and sports Leisure activities in the past	Knowledge: This term covers school life, career plans, hobbies, leisure activities, and media. Pupils will describe school routines, subjects, and compare educational systems. They will also talk about future jobs, dreams, and earnings. In leisure contexts, they will discuss past and future plans and sports. Grammar includes modal verbs, negatives, comparatives and superlatives, the perfect and imperfect tenses, and reflexive verbs. Skills: Pupils will strengthen their ability to express detailed opinions, compare ideas, and describe past and future activities using a wide range of vocabulary and structures. They will develop greater confidence	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 2. 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



	TV, cinema and music Making plans for leisure activities	when discussing abstract and practical topics, in both written and spoken forms.	themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ 5. Oak National Academy - French Year 9 – 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 Academy 6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. All content on Language Nut is matched to the AQA GCSE content. www.languagehut.com
Assessments		There will be standardised assessments in listening, reading, speaking, and writing. These will focus on pupils' understanding of key vocabulary, grammatical precision, and ability to express themselves across various tenses and contexts.	
3	Name of topics Customs and festivals	Knowledge: In the final term, pupils explore cultural customs, festivals, and celebrations in Francophone countries. They will describe past and future festivals, talk about birthdays and special days, and plan trips to events. Grammar includes irregular present and future tenses, question formation, subject-verb inversion, object pronouns, irregular plural nouns, and relative clauses.	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 2. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practice vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/



		Skills: This unit enhances pupils' ability to discuss cultural practices with depth and insight. They will develop fluency in narrating events, making plans, and comparing traditions. Pupils will also revise all major grammar points and tenses, consolidating their knowledge in preparation for GCSE study.	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 9 – 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 Academy 6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. All content on Language Nut is matched to the AQA GCSE content. www.languagenut.com
Assessment	Four assessments (listening, reading, speaking, writing) will evaluate pupils' cultural awareness, language application, and ability to integrate vocabulary and grammar accurately in different contexts.		