



The Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form French curriculum builds upon the foundations established in Year 9 and aims to equip students with the linguistic knowledge, cultural understanding and communication skills required for success at GCSE and beyond. Through the study of carefully sequenced topic-specific vocabulary linked to themes such as identity and culture, local, national and global issues, and current and future study and employment, pupils develop the substantive knowledge needed to communicate effectively and confidently in French. They also develop disciplinary knowledge through the key language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, supported by explicit teaching of phonics, pronunciation, translation skills and increasingly complex grammar.

The curriculum places a strong emphasis on secure knowledge of phonics, vocabulary and grammar, enabling pupils to communicate with increasing accuracy, confidence and independence. Pupils learn to understand and interpret a wide range of spoken and written French, manipulate language using a variety of grammatical structures and time frames, express and justify opinions in greater depth, and communicate with increasing spontaneity and fluency. The curriculum encourages students to develop a positive attitude towards language learning, recognise the importance of languages in the wider world, and communicate independently for authentic purposes on topics that are meaningful and relevant to them.

Through discussion, role-play, translation and practical language application, pupils broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of the cultures and communities of the French-speaking world. They are encouraged to make connections between French and English, explore different perspectives, and develop the confidence to engage with unfamiliar language and ideas. This provides a strong linguistic and cultural foundation for further study at GCSE, A Level and beyond.

The following assessment objectives (AO) underpin pupils' progress towards success at GCSE French (AQA 8652):

AO1 – Understanding and responding to spoken language

- Understand spoken French.
- Respond appropriately to spoken French in both speaking and writing.

AO2 – Understanding and responding to written language

- Understand written French.
- Respond appropriately to written French in both speaking and writing.

AO3 – Grammar and vocabulary

- Demonstrate understanding and accurate application of the prescribed grammar and vocabulary.



This year places a particular emphasis on consolidating GCSE content, refining examination skills and developing the ability to communicate ideas in greater depth and detail, ensuring that pupils are well prepared for the demands of their final GCSE year and examinations.

Year 10			
Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	Name of topics Celebrity culture Routes to fame Abilities and achievements Pros and cons of fame Travel and tourism Francophone islands	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. 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.	1. 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 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 theme or module: https://quizlet.com/en-gb 5. 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 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
Assessments		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.	
2	Name of topics Media and technology The world before and after the Internet Mobile phones and social media Local area and attractions Types of homes Activities at home	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. 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.	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 Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games,



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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	Name of topics Global and environmental issues Water pollution How to be eco-friendly	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. 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.	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/z9dwxb 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 theme or module: https://quizlet.com/en-gb 5. Oak National Academy – KS4 French – Structured lessons with videos and interactive tasks to support independent



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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.	