



Thomas Mills
High School & Sixth Form

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW: YEAR 7 FRENCH

The Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form French curriculum aims to build upon the foundations of language learning established at Key Stage 2 while fostering an appreciation of French-speaking cultures and communities. Through the study of carefully sequenced phonics, vocabulary and grammar, pupils develop the substantive knowledge needed to understand and communicate in French. At the same time, they develop disciplinary knowledge through the four key language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Building on their prior language-learning experiences, pupils learn to understand and communicate personal and factual information, express simple opinions and begin to justify their ideas. They develop confidence in applying core grammatical structures, recognising patterns within the language and making connections between French and English. Through discussion, role-play, translation and practical language application, pupils become increasingly accurate and independent communicators. A continued emphasis on secure knowledge of phonics, vocabulary and grammar supports progression through Key Stage 3, equipping pupils with the knowledge, skills and strategies needed to become successful language learners, communicate confidently with others, and develop an appreciation of different cultures, perspectives and communities around the world.

The following learning objectives support pupils' progress in Year 7 French:

AO1 – Understanding and interpreting language

- Understand the main points, details and opinions in spoken and written French.
- Demonstrate increasingly secure comprehension of a range of texts and language forms.

AO2 – Communicating in French

- Communicate information, ideas and opinions in speaking and writing.
- Use vocabulary, phonics and grammatical structures with increasing accuracy, confidence and spontaneity.

AO3 – Language and culture

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of French vocabulary, phonics, grammar and culture.
- Make connections between languages, cultures and communities within the French-speaking world.



Year 7			
Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	Name of topics Numbers Alphabet Dates Descriptions Favourite object French speaking countries Personality Family Friends School subjects	Knowledge: During the first term, pupils will learn to introduce themselves and share basic personal information such as their name, age, nationality, likes, dislikes, and physical appearance. They will describe other people, name and describe a favourite object, and learn about different French-speaking countries. This term also covers fundamental grammar, including the present tense of 'avoir' and 'être', adjective agreement, definite and indefinite articles, and possessive adjectives. Skills: Pupils will develop their ability to ask and answer simple questions, apply grammatical structures accurately, and improve their speaking confidence. They will practise forming complete sentences and begin using simple connectives and direct object pronouns. By the end of the term, they will have a solid foundation for further language learning.	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 practise 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 practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ 5. Oak National Academy - French Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in French. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. https://www.thenational.academy/subjects/french/key-stages/key-stage-3 6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and



			phonics explanations. www.languageut.com
Assessments		Students will be assessed through a mix of listening, reading, speaking, and writing tasks. There will be six assessments. These assessments will evaluate their ability to understand and produce simple French sentences, apply grammar rules, and communicate basic personal information effectively.	
2	Name of topics The world around me Food Animals Meals	Knowledge: This term focuses on vocabulary and expressions related to food, meals, animals, and leisure activities. Pupils will expand their knowledge by describing animals and colours, learning about different meals, understanding recipes, and discussing food in art. They will be introduced to new grammar points, such as regular -ER verbs, perfect tense expressions with 'avoir', and the use of the partitive article. Skills: Pupils will strengthen their ability to describe personal preferences, use adjective agreement correctly, and apply new verb structures. They will also practise giving basic quantities and expressing what food to buy. Engaging activities will help them understand and	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 practise 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 practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ Oak National Academy - French Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons



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Assessments		Assessments this term will test listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. There will be six assessments. Pupils will demonstrate their ability to use the present and perfect tenses, correctly apply new vocabulary, and engage in meaningful discussions about food and daily life.	
3	Name of topics Where you live Activities in different places Directions	Knowledge: The final term introduces topics related to local areas, entertainment, and leisure activities. Pupils will learn to describe their town, exchange opinions about local amenities, and ask for and give directions using maps. They will explore media-related topics such as TV, films, and music, learning to express and justify opinions. New	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 practise vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/



	Going out TV programmes Films Music	grammar points include the imperative, prepositions, and the use of 'vouloir' and 'pouvoir'. Skills: Pupils will develop conversational skills by arranging to go out, discussing entertainment, and responding to different viewpoints. They will practise using the present, perfect, and imperfect tenses to enhance their fluency. Through engaging tasks, they will learn to apply grammar in realistic settings, preparing them for more advanced language use.	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 practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ 5. Oak National Academy - French Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in French. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. https://www.thenational.academy/subjects/french/key-stages/key-stage-3 6. 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	The final assessments will focus on listening and reading skills, evaluating pupils' ability to understand spoken and written texts, identify key information, and apply grammar rules correctly. There will be two assessments. These assessments will provide insight into their progress and readiness for Year 8.		



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