

French Subject Overview – Year 11

Students build upon the foundations of GCSE learning in Year 10, with an increased emphasis on exam-ready skills. The skills-based focus, alongside carefully sequenced topics equip students with the transferable skills to continue into further language study or for the world of employment.

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5
Knowledge & Skills	Post-16 education (18 lessons) Apply several future tense verb forms to describe your plans after school and evaluate advantages & disadvantages of post-16 pathways. Checkpoint 1 Listening & reading assessment Apply past tense verb forms to describe recent work experience and job preferences. Healthy living & lifestyle (6 Lessons) Describing meals and foods, using partitive articles and object pronouns, to understand and provide advice on healthy choices. Assessment 1 • 90-word essay [F] • 150-word essay [H] • Translation into French • 50-word essay [F] • Describe a photo [F] • Gap-fill [F]	Healthy living & lifestyle (12 lessons) Apply modal verbs to describe healthy & unhealthy lifestyle choices. Use this knowledge to give advice to others on these choices. Master the simple future tense to describe how you will maintain good mental health and improve your lifestyle further. The environment (9 Lessons) Apply present tense verbs (all forms) with complex infinitive structures to describe environmental problems and solutions. Assessment 2 • Mock GCSE exams in listening, reading, writing and speaking (all topics studied)	Customs, festivals & celebrations (6 Lessons) Explore events in the Francophone world using complex noun and infinitive structures. Qualities of a good friend (6 Lessons) Master adjectival agreement with a focus on translation into French. What do you do? (6 Lessons) Apply verbs in all three tenses to describe your free time activities. Assessment 3 • 90-word essay [F] • 150-word essay [H] • Translation into French	Exam ready These lessons will be bespoke to the needs of each class to best support their revision towards the final GCSE exams. Checkpoint 2 Listening & reading assessment GCSE Speaking exam (April 2026)	Exam ready These lessons will be bespoke to the needs of each class to best support their revision towards the final GCSE exams. GCSE Listening, Reading & Writing exams (May/June 2026)
Beyond The Curriculum	Browse websites of local colleges and universities to discover which careers are open to you with a languages qualification: Greenhead College Huddersfield New College Trinity Sixth Form University of Huddersfield	Watch 'French No Go Zone', a documentary in French about social issues in French suburbs. French No-Go-Zone: How the Suburbs became Dangerous Ghettos ENDEVR Documentary	Browse articles on '20minutes.fr' to build your reading comprehension skills. Once you have chosen an article to read, translate this into English. 20 Minutes - Toute l'actualité en direct et les dernières infos en continu		