

## OVERVIEW

In French, our two-year ab initio GCSE course follows the Pearson Edexcel syllabus and aims to take students from beginner level to developing their proficiency and communication skills in both written and spoken French across a wide range of topics. These topics cover vocabulary and content relating to five key themes and will enable students to develop and improve the four main language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. At the end of the two-year course, students will be assessed in the four main skills, with each component worth 25% of the final grade.

## Autumn

**Unit 1: Au collège (Theme 3)**

- School subjects & teachers
- School facilities
- Life at school
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about school experiences

**Unit 2: Bon travail! (Theme 4)**

- Professions & workplace
- Job responsibilities
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about future ambitions and work

**Assessment:**

November GCSE Mock 1 exams: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

## Spring

**Unit 3: Un œil sur le monde (Theme 5)**

- Local & global issues
- The environment
- Lifestyle choices
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about global issues & solutions

**Unit 4: Un Repaso: Speaking & Writing (Themes 1-5)**

- Revision of key themes
- Revision of key grammatical concepts
- Revision of key exam skills (speaking & writing)

*Preparation for speaking exams in HT5*

**Assessment:**

March GCSE Mock 2 exams: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

## Summer

**Unit 5: Un Repaso: Listening, Reading & Writing (Themes 1-5)**

- Revision of key themes
- Revision of key grammatical concepts
- Revision of key exam skills (listening, reading & writing)

**Assessment:**

External GCSE Exams (Dates TBC)

Paper 2- Speaking (completed before other exams start)

Paper 1- Listening  
Paper 3- Reading  
Paper 4- Writing

**Useful resources for supporting your child at home:**

[www.collinsdictionary.com](http://www.collinsdictionary.com) – Online dictionary  
[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) - Online quizzing and vocab building  
[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) – Online flashcards

**Homework:**

Homework will be given on a weekly basis through the online platform Seneca. Tasks on Seneca will focus on developing students' ability in the four key skills and will relate to the Units & Themes outlined above. Students will also be given vocabulary booklets at the beginning of each unit and will have weekly, in-class vocabulary tests.