

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: Qui suis-je (Theme 1)

- Introducing myself
- Describing myself
- Numbers
- Present & near future tense

Unit 2: Le temps de loisirs (Theme 1)

- Free time activities
- Interest in sports
- TV & film preferences
- Present & perfect tense
- Detailed, justified opinions about free time activities

Assessment:

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

1x mini speaking presentation on Theme 1

Spring

Unit 3: Jours ordinaires, jours de fête (Theme 1)

- Daily routine
- Food & clothes shopping
- Traditions & festivals
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about lifestyle

Unit 4: Un résumé (Theme 1)

- Revision of Units 1-3, covering elements of Theme 1
- Revision of key grammatical concepts
- Revision of key exam skills

Assessment:

January Mid-year assessment: Listening, Reading & Writing

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

Summer

Unit 5: De la ville à la campagne (Theme 2)

- Local area & places
- Local activities
- Describing the weather
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about local area and activities

Unit 6: Le grand large (Theme 2)

- Travel & transport
- Countries
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about travel preferences

Assessment:

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

End of Year GCSE mock assessment: Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

www.collinsdictionary.com – Online dictionary
www.quizlet.com - Online quizzing and vocab building
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.