University of Birmingham School Curriculum Outline: FRENCH



Term → Year →	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
7	VOCABULARY Tout sur moi GRAMMAR Masculine, feminine and plural nouns Definite and indefinite articles En/au + countries Adjective agreement 'Je' form verbs, the verb avoir SKILLS Memorisation strategies Asking and answering questions Using high frequency structures – c'est Pronouncing key sounds Using the alphabet, numbers and dates	VOCABULARY Mon Monde Perso GRAMMAR The verb être Adjective agreement Possessive adjectives Giving opinions Connectives Comparisons SKILLS Reading and listening strategies Using transferrable language Pronunciation (silent letters, key sounds)	VOCABULARY Mon Monde Perso Autour de Moi GRAMMAR Direct object pronouns Describing the past: j'étais, j'avais Verbs beginning with vowels: j'ai, j'habite SKILLS Reading: cognates and false friends Using a bilingual dictionary Writing strategies Recognising sound patterns and accents	VOCABULARY Autour de moi À table GRAMMAR Present tense 'er' verbs Revision of avoir Adjective agreements Perfect tense introduction Verbs boire, manger Partitive articles SKILLS Extending sentences: time expressions, sequencing words, connectives, developing opinions Practising sound patterns and accents	VOCABULARY À table GRAMMAR	Revision and exam preparation VOCABULARY Le Petit Prince – extracts from the novel SKILLS Understanding authentic literary extracts Understanding the life and motivation of a French-speaking author Reflecting on the key messages in this work of literature Reflecting on adapting a literary text into film
8	VOCABULARY Mon quartier GRAMMAR • Il y a/il n'y a pas de • Position of adjectives • On peut + infinitive • Prepositions: au/à la/à l'/aux • Directions: using imperatives • Verbs: vouloir, pouvoir SKILLS • Reading and listening strategies • Using contrasting sentences: par contre, mais • Using connectives to extend ideas	VOCABULARY Ça, c'est mon truc GRAMMAR Present tense verbs: porter, jouer, faire Reflexive verbs SKILLS Telling the time (12 hour clock) Describing the weather (impersonal verbs and use of quand)	VOCABULARY Destination vacances (Part I) GRAMMAR Present tense verbs: finir, choisir Prepositions: au/a/en (countries, cities) Using the verb prendre in the present and future Using conditional verbs: Je voudrais/J'aimerais + infinitive SKILLS Dictionary skills - recap Verb memorisation skills - recap Reading and listening strategies	VOCABULARY Destination vacances (Part II) GRAMMAR • Perfect tense with aller • Perfect tense with être SKILLS • Spotting patterns in verb tenses • Using time expressions	VOCABULARY Bouger, c'est important CRAMMAR Verbs with prepositions: jouer à, faire de Using third person verb forms Depuis + present tense SKILLS Recap: asking and answering conversations Recap: extending conversations Recap: perfect tense of aller, Using time phrases Recap: conditional	Revision and exam preparation VOCABULARY Les Choristes – film study Short French films from the British Film Institute: ciné-minis SKILLS Understanding French film Understanding the roles of different characters Understanding historical context Reflecting on the key messages and how they are communicated in film
9	VOCABULARY Le monde des médias GRAMMAR Definite articles Ce que c'est Faire + infinitive, rendre + adjective Verb + infinitive structures Recap : perfect tense SKILLS Devloping sentences and opinions Listening, reading and translation	VOCABULARY Le monde des médias Accro à la technologie GRAMMAR Recap: present tense Negatives Agreement and position of adjectives Verb + preposition + infinitive: arrêter de, essayer de, passer à SKILLS Structuring arguments 90 word writing tasks	VOCABULARY Accro à la technologie Rendez-vous GRAMMAR Impersonal structures à + definite article near future tense SKILLS Speaking: photo cards	VOCABULARY Rendez-vous Un métier, un rêve! GRAMMAR Conditional mood Masculine/ feminine forms of nouns Indefinite articles Comparative and superlative SKILLS Asking and answering questions Speaking and writing strategies	VOCABULARY Un métier, un rêve! GRAMMAR Imperfect tense Si clauses (imperfect + conditional) Recap avoir + age SKILLS Using multiple tenses in one piece of work 90 word writing task	Revision and exam preparation VOCABULARY UNIT 9: Un métier, un rêve! GCSE AOA vocab list – introduction: Customs and festivals SKILLS Speaking: role plays Understanding customs and festivals in French-speaking countries – Bastille Day

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11	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest Unit 7: Global Issues VOCABULARY 7.1 Environment 7.2 Poverty and homelessness GRAMMAR Using si + present tense Recognising and using the pluperfect tense Verbs of possibility The subjunctive SKILLS Making use of social and cultural context when listening Tackling P/N/P+N tasks Agreeing and disagreeing in a discussion Dealing with longer texts	global areas of interest Unit 8: Travel and tourism VOCABULARY 8.1 Holidays and travel 8.2 Regions of France GRAMMAR Sequencing words and phrases Revision: Using the imperfect and perfect tenses together Revision of the imperfect tense of er verbs Using three time frames: past, present, future SKILLS Paraphrasing Adding complexity to written and spoken language Recognising cognates and near-cognates when reading Reading for gist	employment Unit 9: My studies Unit 10: Life at school / college VOCABULARY 9.1 School and subjects 10.1 Life at school GRAMMAR Revision of the perfect tense of regular –er, -ir and –re verbs Pouvoir, devoir, vouloir Revision of the conditional SKILLS Describing physical properties Pointing and demonstration Using visual and verbal context in reading Using more than one tense in the same sentence	employment Unit 11: Education post-16 Unit 12: Jobs, career choices and ambitions VOCABULARY 11.1 University or work? 11.2 Choice of career GRAMMAR Revision of si clauses in the present tense Using quand clauses with the future tense The passive voice in the present tense Avoiding the passive SKILLS Ignoring words which are not needed in listening tests Being aware of faux amis when translating into English Using qui and que to refer to things Using French idioms		

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12	La famille en voie de changement Trends in marriage/partnership Merits and problems of different family structures Relationships between generations/problems La musique francophone contemporaine The popularity of contemporary francophone music and its diversity Threats and safeguarding of contemporary francophone music La Haine Film study GRAMMAR Nouns and gender Personal pronouns Adjectives Present tense Negatives Perfect tense Immediate future Infinitive constructions Imperfect tense	La 'cyber-société' • How technology transforms everyday life • Dangers of digital technology • Different users of technology/ future developments Le septième art • Aspects of French cinema • Major developments in French cinema La Haine Film study GRAMMAR • Present tense of reflexive verbs • Perfect tense • Pluperfect • Direct/indirect object pronouns • connectives	Le rôle du bénévolat The voluntary sector in France The benefits of voluntary work Le septième art The continuing popularity of French cinema and film festivals Le patrimoine The notion of heritage and heritage preservation on a regional/national scale La Haine Film study Essay technique and phrases Technical language for describing films Analysing model essays GRAMMAR The past historic The passive voice Translation focus The future tense Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns Si clauses Connectives followed by subjunctive Revision of imperfect with si clauses	Le rôle du bénévolat (cont.) The voluntary sector in France The benefits of voluntary work Le patrimoine (cont.) The ways in which some of the country's most famous heritage sites market themselves How heritage impacts upon and is guided by culture in society Speaking exam preparation La Haine Film study Essay writing GRAMMAR Adjectives and adverbs Comparative and superlative The conditional The subjunctive Si clauses	Speaking exam preparation Listening, reading and writing exam preparation GRAMMAR Combining imperfect and perfect tense Possessive and indefinite pronouns Relative pronouns Combining future, perfect and conditional tenses	Individual research project Camus, L'Étranger Literature study: Discussing theme, character, social and cultural context GRAMMAR Targeted grammar Translation work
13	Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse The benefits of living in an ethnically diverse society The need for tolerance and respect Promoting diversity to create a richer world Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique French political system and its evolution Engagement levels of young people and their influence on politics Future of politics and political engagement Camus, L'Étranger Literature study and essay writing GRAMMAR Passive voice (all tenses) Revision of numerals Dependent infinitives Revision of adverbs Perfect and imperfect tense of the subjunctive Revision of partitive article	Quelle vie pour les marginalisés Marginalised groups in society Measures to assist the marginalised Contrasting attitudes to marginalisation Manifestations, grèves — à qui le pouvoir? Role of unions Methods of protesting, strikes and protests Attitudes towards strikes, protests and political tensions Camus, L'Étranger Literature study and essay writing GRAMMAR Pronouns: personal, subject, direct and indirect, disjunctive, position and order, use of y and en, reflexive, relative, demonstrative, indefinite, possessive, interrogative Quantifiers and intensifiers Verbs: impersonal, structures with infinitives, perfect infinitive	Comment on traite les criminels Attitudes to crime Prison: merits and problems Alternative forms of punishment La politique et l'immigration Political issues concerning immigration in francophone countries Viewpoints of political parties concerning immigration Immigration from the standpoint of immigrants and aspects of racism Camus, L'Étranger Literature study and essay writing GRAMMAR Verbs: regular and irregular conjugation in the present tense, future, future perfect, conditional, conditional perfect, negative forms, interrogative forms, present participle, infinitives, past participles, perfect tense (including agreement of past participle), imperfect si clauses with present and future Translation from English into French and from French into English	Revision and exam preparation All topics Literature and film GRAMMAR Verbs: pluperfect, past historic, the subjunctive, venir de + infinitive Prepositions Conjunctions Imperative Question forms Negation Combining tenses Translation from English into French and from French into English		