University of Birmingham School Curriculum Outline: FRENCH



Term → Year ✓	Term1a	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 vowel 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 Reading aloud: 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 Negatives The verb pouvoir Conditional verbs: Je voudrais/ J'aimerais Verbs + infinitives Using if faut SKILLS Describing quantities Revising numbers, larger numbers Using idiomatic expressions: C'est mon truc / C'est ma tasse de thé Extending conversations	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 If 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 strategies – true or false Using contrasting sentences: par contre, mais Using connectives to extend ideas producing extended writing	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) speaking skills – short role play conversation	VOCABULARY Destination vacances (Part I) GRAMMAR Present tense verbs: finir, choisir Prepositions: au/à/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 Listening strategies - dictation	VOCABULARY Destination vacances (Part II) GRAMMAR Perfect tense with aller Perfect tense with être SKILLS Spotting patterns in verb tenses Using time expressions Writing skills – using different tenses together Translation into English strategies	VOCABULARY Bouger, c'est important GRAMMAR 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: 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 strategies	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 Listening - dictation	VOCABULARY Rendez-vous Un métier, un rêve! CRAMMAR 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 S' 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! Le Gand Voyage – film study SKILLS Speaking: role plays Understanding customs and festivals in French-speaking countries – Bastille Day Understanding French film Understanding cultural context of film

10	Theme One: People and Lifestyle Topic 1: Identity and Relationships with Others VOCABULARY • My personality • My future self • Families of today • Friends are my life STRUCTURES • Present tense of regular –re verbs • Adjective Agreements • Simple Future for regular –er verbs • neaucun(e) • Present tense of regular –ir verbs • Comparative adjectives • The present participle of regular verbs Impersonal verbs	Theme One: People and Lifestyle Topic 2: Healthy Living and Lifestyle First Assessment (in class): Listening, reading, and writing VOCABULARY • Health problems • Good health plans STRUCTURES • near future tense • plural nouns • using present and future together • avant de + infinitive	Theme One: People and Lifestyle Topic 2: Healthy Living and Lifestyle VOCABULARY • Yesterday, I • How to stay in shape STRUCTURES • perfect tense with avoir (regular verbs) • indirect object pronouns (singular forms) • irregular present participles	Theme One: People and Lifestyle Topic 3: Education and Work VOCABULARY	Theme Two: Popular Culture Topic 4: Free Time Activities Second Assessment (official PPE): Listening, reading, writing, and speaking Topic VOCABULARY Last weekend TV, cinema, music On a trip Sport is my passion STRUCTURES The perfect tense with avoir – irregular past participles emphatic pronouns (moi, toil) reflexive verbs in the present tense (including plural forms) perfect tense with être en and à with places modal verbs in the perfect tense (devoir, pouvoir, vouloir) agreement with preceding direct object pronouns	Theme Two: Popular Culture Topic 5: Customs, Festivals, and Celebrations VOCABULARY Happy birthday I celebrate like this Past and future celebrations Are we going to the festival? STRUCTURES present tense of common irregular verbs direct object pronouns (me, te, vous, le, la) imperfect tense y and en two tenses together (past and near future) functions of definite and indefinite articles future tense of être, avoir, aller and faire relative clauses with que, qui, quand, and où
11	Theme Two: Popular Culture Topic 6: Celebrity Culture First Assessment (in class): Listening, reading, and writing VOCABULARY You want to be famous? What are you going to do to be famous? Celebrity life Famous French-speakers STRUCTURES imperative (tu and vous forms) Infinitives used as nouns conditional of aller, avoir, être, and faire emphatic pronouns (lui, elle, nous, vous, eux, elles) present tense of aller, avoir, être, and faire possessive adjectives perfect tense of refexive verbs Il y a and depuis	Theme Three: Communication and the World Around Us Topic 7: Travel and Tourism VOCABULARY French-speaking islands My travel blog Dream holidays Discovering big cities STRUCTURES imperfect tense of être, avoir, and faire adjective agreements (recap) two tenses together: future and near future dans and en two tenses together: perfect and imperfect pour and sans + infinitive passive voice y and en (recap)	Theme Three: Communication and the World Around Us Topic 8: Media and Technology Second Assessment (official PPE): Listening, reading, writing, and speaking VOCABULARY The world before and after the internet My life in the digital world I use technology Be careful of dangers online STRUCTURES present and past tenses together infinitive phrases with opinions and modal verbs modal verbs in perfect tense personne ne and rien ne three time frames imperative après avoir / être + past participle	Theme Three: Communication and the World Around Us Topic 9: The Environment and Where People Live VOCABULARY Let's save the planet! The local environment A guide to my town My ideal town STRUCTURES ip voudrais infinitives used as nouns (recap) negatives (recap) partitive articles present tense of modal verbs si and quand conditional of regular —er verbs indirect object pronouns (plural forms)		

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		