

Subject: French**Teachers:** Ms Branson &
Mrs Furnival**Exam Board:** AQA**NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL****KS4 Curriculum Overview****Curriculum Intent & Organisation**

We have successfully followed the AQA GCSE course in the French department for many years and teachers are experienced in the course content and examination expectations. Students can achieve grades 4-9 in the higher tier and most students are expected to be awarded the higher grades. Lessons are taught within mixed ability groups.

Examination Information

Option subject examined end of Year 11 with no controlled assessment

EBACC?

Yes

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Impact of Prior Learning from KS3

All skills learnt in years 7-8 are practised and developed – listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation.

Equipment Required for this course

- School provides text books and exercise books as well as additional revision booklets and resources
- A French-English dictionary would provide useful support
- Students may also wish to purchase Revision Guides (eg, Letts, CGP etc)

Curriculum Implementation – Areas of Focus Year 9**Autumn Term**

- Media – Tv, film, music, reading materials, future plans,
- Revision of present, simple future and perfect tenses
- Direct Object pronouns, reflexives in the perfect tense, future tense

Spring Term

- The importance of languages, body parts, health & illness
- Recognising & using different time frames together
- modal verbs, negatives, imperatives, emphatic pronouns

Summer Term

- Childhood, whodunnit, tourism
- comparing past & present, using more complex structures
- imperfect tense, qui & que, conditional

Curriculum Implementation – Areas of Focus Year 10**Autumn Term**

- Describing yourself & family, leisure, hobbies & technology
- Revision of tenses & y9 grammar
- Depuis, superlative

Spring Term

- Daily activities & festivals, describing your home & ideal home
- Revision of modals & pronouns, negatives
- Asking questions, venir de + infinitive, conditional

Summer Term

- Town v country, community projects
- Revision of all tenses & using them together
- Y, questions with quel, more negatives

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Curriculum Implementation – Areas of Focus Year 11

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holidays, travelling• Revision of conditional, reflexive verbs, preparation for Speaking Mock• En + present participle, demonstrative adjectives and pronouns, pluperfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School in UK & France, fitness, jobs, careers, future hopes• Revision of comparisons, tenses, imperatives, on, superlatives, complex sentences• Il faut, il est interdit de, adverbs, subjunctive, direct objects in perfect tense, infinitive constructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global issues• Revision & preparation for examinations• Passive, indirect object pronouns

Impact / Outcomes

Learning will be assessed throughout the course by:

- Fortnightly vocabulary testing
- Regular homework tasks
- End of module assessments focussing on two skills each time (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
- End of year examinations
- Year 11 mock examinations in all skills

Homework

Vocabulary & grammar learning, reading and writing tasks including translations, preparation for assessments, online activities (listening, reading, vocab), research into aspects of French culture

Ways to support learning

- Revise old vocab and grammar regularly
- Take every opportunity to find, learn and use new vocabulary regularly
- Follow the faculty's Twitter and Instagram pages for tips and interesting activities
- Quizlet – DJBranson, Memrise or Duolingo for vocab
- For listening: Lyrics training, French films on Netflix (etc), Frello on Vimeo, Français Podcast facile listening with questions and transcript on YouTube or website, Radio france podcast app
- Linguascope (intermediate) – fun
- Exam practice: Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zhsvr82> , Eduqas – practice papers (even though it's a different board, the content is the same)
- Savoirs, jour l'actu - French news
- Conjugation apps
- Bibliobus (readers in school)
- Tandem app. chat with a native
- CGP revision guides, especially if they come with listening tracks

Field Work / Extension / Enrichment Opportunities

- Bi-annual trip to Nice (October 2018, 2020 etc) visiting museums, local businesses & artisans, market shopping
- Various competitions open to linguists, eg Christmas Card competition (Routes into languages), Pop Video Competition, (Institut français)

Next Steps

A good grade at GCSE is essential for continued study at A-level. The GCSE course offers invaluable grammar preparation as well as skills development such as listening and reading comprehension, translation, extended writing and speaking.

For more information, contact Ms D Branson or Mrs H Furnival.