

The purpose of studying French at NKS is to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of language, communication and culture. Learning French enables pupils to express their thoughts and ideas in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers in both speech and writing. It also provides them with opportunities to communicate for practical purposes and learn new ways of thinking. Learning French provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to work and socialise internationally.

As a result of studying French, pupils will: develop a deeper understanding of how language – including English – works; develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills; develop useful and transferable study skills; broaden their horizons through a positive approach to a multicultural society; and develop a spontaneous and creative use of French.

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Year 7

Students of French in year 7 start their journey from the basics. This allows for key concepts to be embedded from the beginning. Near-native speakers or students who have had previous contact with the language will use this introduction as a chance to revise and analyse what they need to improve on. This course will form the base of any future study of French; thus, we want our students to become confident and passionate about their learning.

During year 7, students begin to understand, speak, read and write French. They become familiar with the sounds, written form and grammar of the language, and use this knowledge with increasing confidence and competence to express themselves in role-plays, conversations and writing. They improve their understanding of the language by listening to people talking about different subjects and by reading a range of texts.

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
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Content – Knowledge	Myself:	Activities, descriptions, people and dates:	School:	Hobbies:	My family life:	My surroundings:
and Understanding Skills and concepts	 Classroom instructions Asking to be able to do / have something Meeting and greeting Alphabet Numbers Ages Days Months Birthdays Classroom items Likes and dislikes 	 Sport & hobbies Descriptions of yourself Descriptions of others Preferences Giving dates 	 School subjects Teachers Telling the time Timetables Food Uniforms Agreeing and disagreeing 	 French speaking countries Weather and seasons Sports Activities Saying what you like doing technology 	 animals Higher numbers Family members Physical descriptions Where you live The house Talking about breakfast Celebrations 	 My town/village Saying where you go Invitations Ordering snacks and drinks Talking about plans
	Using French to cope with usual classroom situations Understanding concept of gender through using indefinite article Forming and using 'there is/are' and its negative form Using preparation time in Listening and speaking activities Answering role play style tasks	Forming and using adjectival agreement Using the 3 rd person singular Forming and using the negative and the infinitive. Using connectives and qualifiers Form and use the possessive adjectives in the 1 st and 3 rd person singular Conjugate 'to have' Conjugate 'to be'	Forming and using the definite article Forming and using regular -er verbs Understanding the position of adjectives Answering spoken picture based style task	Developing sentences through the use intensifiers Developing sentences through the use of connectives Forming and using irregular verbs = 'faire' Forming and using jouer 'à' Using aimer + the infinitive Forming and answering questions.	Forming and using the possessive adjectives 'your' Forming and using tolive + 'in' Forming and using the irregular verb 'boire' Forming and using the 1st person plural 'nous' with irregular 'ger' verbs Forming and using the 3rd person plural Using reflexive verbs.	Understanding prices Forming and using 'aller + à' Conjugate 'to want to' Using 'tu' and 'vous' Using the conditional 'je voudrais' to order. Forming and using the near future tense. Combining the present and the near future tenses.
Assessment	Regular vocabulary tests Speaking – role play style Reading on topic of Myself and including translation French to English	Regular vocabulary tests Listening activities Writing and speaking activities to introduce yourself and others. Translation English to French	Regular vocabulary tests Reading on topic of All about me and including translation French to English Speaking – picture based task on family, animals, activities	Regular vocabulary tests Listening on topic of School Writing supporting paragraph on topics from terms 1-4 and including translation English to French	Regular vocabulary tests Grammar	Regular vocabulary tests End of year assessments in Listening Speaking – conversation introduction style task Reading, including translation French to English Writing unsupported parageraph and including
Enrichment and extension	International Translation Day House of European Day of Languages assembly MFL Christmas Carol House competing Languages Olympiad (tbc) 6 websites to broaden cultural knowledges	y ition (tbc)	Enrichment leader)			translation English to French

Extension tasks listed on PLCs

Year 8

The Year 8 curriculum builds on and extends previous work by introducing perfect and future tenses. Whilst covering new topics and language, pupils regularly revisit previous vocabulary and grammar. Units are sequenced to encourage progression in terms of grammar and complexity of vocabulary and structures. The units have been carefully selected in order to touch upon as many GCSE topics as possible, giving pupils a broad foundation of vocabulary.

By the end of Year 8, pupils should be able to use three tenses in a variety of contexts and be confident in their knowledge of vocabulary across a range of topics. They are also taught how to and justify opinions.

The Year 8 curriculum 2020-2021 takes into consideration lessons missed due to lockdown.

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	 School holidays Saying what you did Describing a theme park Saying where you went Means of transport Describing disastrous holidays. 	Celebrations Festivals and celebrations Describing special days Food at the market Discovering specialities Discovering places in France	Leisure activities Celebrities Tv programmes Digital technology Arranging to go to the cinema Leisure activities Shopping	Your area: Where you live The weather. Your region Chores Routine Moving house Discovering a new reason	Sports: Sports Directions Healthy living The body Injury Illnesses	Summary and revision of the year:
Skills and concepts	Revising 'avoir' and être' Forming and using the perfect tense of regular —er verbs Using the perfect tense of irregular verbs Using the perfect tense with 'être' Asking and answering questions Using the present and the perfect tenses together.	Saying what you like and dislike Using the presente tense of regular –ir and –re verbs Revising 'want' in the present and the conditional tenses Using the partitive. Using the near future tense. Combining the present and the near future tenses.	Using singular and plural adjective agreement Forming and answering a range of questions. Buying cinema tickets Using negatives Developing writing and speaking through use of 2 or 3 tenses together.	Using 'pouvoir' + infinitive Using 'devoir' Reflexive verbs Irregular adjectives Combining past present and future	Using 'jouer à' et 'faire de' Using the comparative Using the imperative Using 'il faut' Using 'depuis' Using expressions with 'avoir' Asking and ansering questions in the perfect tense	Using confidently three tenses in writing and speaking activities Using strategies to understand literary texts Answering conversation introduction tasks
Assessment	Regular vocabulary tests Listening on topic of holidays Writing – supported paragraph and English to French translation on topic of Free time	Regular vocabulary tests Reading on topic of celebrations and including French to English translation Speaking – role play style	Regular vocabulary tests Listening on topic of My identity Writing – supported paragraph and English to French translation on topic of My identity	Regular vocabulary tests Reading on topic of Home, food and events, and including French to English translation Speaking – picture based style	Regular vocabulary tests Grammar including past, present and future tenses	Regular vocabulary tests End of KS3 assessments in Listening Speaking – conversation introduction Reading including French to English translation

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Enrichment	International Translation Day House co	International Translation Day House competition						
and	European Day of Languages assembly							
anu	MFL Christmas Carol House competit	AFL Christmas Carol House competition (tbc)						
extension	Languages Olympiad (tbc)							
	websites to broaden cultural knowledge (these are shared with pupils via Enrichment leader)							
	Extension tasks listed on PLCs							

Year 9

Students at NKS start with the Edexcel GCSE curriculum in Year 9. In order to ease the transition from KS3 to KS4, Year 9 uses Foundation level work for approximately one term with extension within lessons wherever possible.

Most of the content in year 9 relates to topics that students would have come across during years 7 and 8. Every topic starts with revision of familiar language, allowing students to recap and apply their knowledge as the grammatical aspect of the language becomes increasingly more complex.

The Scheme of Work derives from a logical sequence of learning which encompasses revisiting previously acquired grammar, vocabulary and general language skills. This allows students to move with ease and confidence from one topic to

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Content – Knowledge	Theme: Identity and culture (Relationships)	Theme: Identity and culture (Relationships)	Theme: Identity and culture: (Free time	Theme: Identity and culture (Free time)	Theme: Identity and culture (Daily life and celebrations)	Theme: Identity and culture (Daily life and celebrations)
and Understanding	 Family members Appearances Towns Activities Telling the time Friendships Family relationships 	 Making arrangements Evenings out Then and now Role models 	 Sport Music Technology Films and television 	 Reading Television programmes Actors and films 	 Food and meals Shopping for clothes Daily life Food for special occasions 	 Formal and informal register Family celebrations Festivals Traditions
Skills and concepts	Revising and using regular -er verbs in the present tense	Revising and using the near future tense	Developing sentences by using 'depuis' with the present tense	Revising and using the imperfect tense	Revising and using 'to be able to'	Forming questions in the formal and informal registers
	Forming and using reflexive verbs Answering the written picture based question Answering the 40-50 word question Using strategies to translate from English to French	Revising and using the perfect tense Forming and using the imperfect tense Improving writing and speaking through using present, perfect and imperfect tenses together Answering the role play task Improving listening skills through use of the preparation time	Forming and using comparatives Answering the 80-90 word question	Forming and using direct object pronouns Forming and using superlative adjectives Answering the spoken picture based task	Revising and using 'to have to' Developing sentences by using the pronoun 'en' Using strategies to prepare for the conversation task	Developing sentneces by using 'venir de' + infinitive Improving writing and speaking by using a combination of tenses
Assessment	Regular vocabulary tests	Improving reading skills through questions first strategy Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests
	Writing on topic of Relationships including picture based task, 40-50 word task and Higher level translation from English to French	Listening on topic of Relationships Reading on topic of Relationships including Higher level translation French to English	Writing on topic of free time including photo task, 80-90 word task and Higher level translation from English to French	Listening on topic of free time Reading on topic of free time including Higher level translation French to English Speaking – picture based task	Grammar Speaking – Conversation style introduction plus questions	End of Year assessments: Listening sample paper Reading sample paper Writing sample paper

Enrichment	International Translation Day House competition
	European Day of Languages assembly
and	MFL Christmas Carol House competition (tbc)
extension	Languages Olympiad (tbc)
	6 websites to broaden cultural knowledge (these are shared with pupils via Enrichment leader)
	Grammar and Translation workbooks available to all pupils for homework and extension.
	Activelearn Exercises available to all pupils for extension.

Year 10

The year 10 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in year 9 by covering new themes and new grammar. Students are supported with regular revision of previous grammar and vocabulary through starter tasks at the beginning of lessons. At this point in the course, students are encouraged to make links between the different areas of the curriculum, adapting the vocabulary and grammar to work in new contexts.

The language becomes increasingly more complex; thus, students will be developing the necessary skills to face higher tier reading and listening tasks, as well as more intricate translations into French.

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge	Theme: Local area, holiday and travel (My region)	Theme: Local area, holiday and travel (My region)	Theme: Local area, holiday and travel: (Holidays)	Theme: Local area, holiday and travel: (Holidays)	Theme: School:	Theme: School:
and Understanding	My townWeatherTransportDirectionsMy region	Tourist activitiesMaking plansCommunity projects	Holiday activitiesIdeal holidayHotel reservationsHotel reviews	 Ordering in a restaurant Travelling Buying souvenirs Holiday disasters 	School subjectsMy schoolComparing schools	School rulesEnjoying schoolSchool exchanges
	Developing sentences by using the pronoun 'y'	Forming and asking questions using 'which/what'	Forming and using the conditional tense	Developing sentences by using 'en' + present participle	Revising and using the 3 rd person singular	Revising and using 'il faut'
	Forming and using a variety or negatives	Forming and using the future tense	Forming and using reflexive verbs in the perfect tense	Developing sentences by using 'avant de' + infinitive	Revising and using the 3 rd personal plural	Developing sentences by using 'il est interdit de'
Skills and concepts	Improving listening skills through use of the preparation time	Improving writing and speaking by using present, perfect and	Answering the 80-90 / 130-150 word tasks	Forming and using demonstrative adjectives and pronouns		Forming and using the imperative
	Improving reading skills through questions first strategy	future tenses together Answering the role play task	Using strategies to translate from English to French	Forming and using the pluperfect tense		Improving writing and speaking by using past, present and future timeframes
				Using strategies to prepare for the conversation task		Answering the picture based task
Assessment	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests
	Reading past paper Foundation	Speaking – role play style on any	Writing 80- 90 word task, 130-150	PPE Speaking – role play task and	PPE Reading Foundation /	Speaking – picture based task
	Listening past paper Foundation	topics/themes studied so far Grammar	word task, Higher translation English to French	Conversation introduction and questions	Higher past paper PPE Writing Foundation /	and Conversation part 2 questions
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Enrichment and extension	International Translation Day House European Day of Languages assemble MFL Christmas Carol House compete Languages Olympiad (tbc)	ly	•		I I Profession	•

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Year 11

The Year 11 2020-2021 curriculum addresses lessons missed due to lockdown and builds on and extends the work done in Year 10. New topics and more challenging grammar are covered in the last two themes of the specification. Students are actively encouraged to constantly apply their prior knowledge to become increasingly more confident in their manipulation of French.

In the last terms, time permitting, a general review of the course takes place. This is an opportunity for students to identify the areas they need to work on more thoroughly in order to succeed in their final exam.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	
Content – Knowledge and Understanding Skills and concepts	Theme: Future aspirations, study and work (Ambitions and work) • Jobs • Work preferences • Career choices • Plans, hopes and wishes	Theme: Future aspirations, study and work: (Ambitions and work) • Importance of languages • Job applications • Case studies	Theme: International and global dimension (Environmental isues) • What inspires you • Global problems • Protecting the environment	Theme: International and global dimension (Bringing the world together) • Ethical shopping • Volunteering • Big events	Revision	n/a	
	Forming and using 'better/worse' and 'the best/worst' Forming and understanding the subjunctive tense	Forming and using direct object pronouns in the perfect tense Forming and using verbs followed 'à' or 'de'	Recognising connections between word types Forming and using 'to be able to' and 'to have to' in the conditional tense	Forming and using the passive voice Forming and using indirect object pronouns Arguing for and against	n/a	n/a	
Assessment	Regular vocabulary tests Writing 80-90 word task and both Foundation and Higher level translations from English to French on the theme of school	Regular vocabulary tests PPE Listening – Higher past paper in hall, Foundation past paper in class PPE Reading – Higher or Foundation past paper PPE Writing – Higher or Foundation adapted paper	Regular vocabulary tests Writing Foundation and Higher tasks covering additional topics and themes not included in PPE	Regular vocabulary tests Listening sample papers Reading sample papers Writing weakest Foundation and Higher tasks	Regular vocabulary tests	Regular vocabulary tests	
Enrichment and extension	International Translation Day House competition European Day of Languages assembly MFL Christmas Carol House competition (tbc) Languages Olympiad (tbc) 5 websites to broaden cultural knowledge (these are shared with pupils via Enrichment leader) Grammar and Translation workbooks available to all pupils for homework and extension. Activelearn Exercises available to all pupils for extension. Farget 5/9 Writing books available on request for additional support/extension						

Year 12

Prior to commencing A Level students will have studied French at GCSE level and the minimum requirement is a grade 6.

An understanding of students' starting points is achieved by completing a grammar test within the first few weeks and by general conversation in lessons.

Our Y12 curriculum builds on and extends this by covering the specific themes for A Level year 12 (as per below) giving students a better understanding of the French culture and of the French speaking world. It develops their ability to use the language in different contexts. Their knowledge of grammar is enhanced on an ongoing basis as well. Their essay writing skills are developed in year 12 through the study of the film Les Intouchables.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Theme 1: Changes in the French society Changes in family structures Grammar Examination techniques and practise	Theme 1: Changes in the French society Education Grammar Study of the film Les Intouchables. Examination techniques and practise	Theme 1: Changes in the French society Work market Grammar Examination techniques and practise	Theme 2: Political and artistic culture in French speaking countries music Grammar Examination techniques and practise	Theme 2: Political and artistic culture in French speaking countries festivals and traditions Grammar Examination techniques and practise	Theme 2: Political and artistic culture in French speaking countries festivals and traditions Grammar Examination techniques and practise
Skills and concepts	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French culture (particularly family structures in France) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills Debates and classroom discussions are used to develop speaking abilities	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French culture (particularly education in France) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French culture (particularly work market in France) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills Debates and classroom discussions are used to develop speaking abilities	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French speaking countries (particularly music in the French speaking countries) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French speaking countries (particularly festivals and traditions in the French speaking countries) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills	Knowledge of vocabulary / grammar Better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of French speaking countries (particularly festivals and traditions in the French speaking countries) Development of reading and listening skills through the use of authentic materials Development of translation skills

	Development of research skills	Debates and classroom	Development of research skills	Debates and classroom	Debates and classroom	Debates and classroom
	Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond	discussions are used to develop speaking abilities	Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond	discussions are used to develop speaking abilities	discussions are used to develop speaking abilities	discussions are used to develop speaking abilities
	critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.	Development of research skills Development of essay writing skills and film analysis skills Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.	critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.	Development of research skills Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.	Development of research skills Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.	Development of research skills Development of critical thinking skills so students can respond critically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries where the language is spoken.
Assessment	Reading & listening and translation on Unit 1	Reading & listening and translation on Unit 2 & Speaking	Reading & listening and translation on Unit 3 & Essay	Reading & listening and translation on Unit 3 & Essay	Mock exams	Essay
Enrichment	Ad hoc lunchtime support sessions	5				
and extension	Study guides for works					