

GCSE French – what to do

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We've managed to fit everything you need for your French exams into one sheet of A4. You **can** do this if you continue to work consistently and smartly.

The Topics – work towards knowing all vocabulary from the end of chapter vocabulary from French to English

Theme: Identity and culture

- **Who am I?:** relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with friends and family; role models
- **Daily life:** customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (use of, advantages and disadvantages)
- **Cultural life:** celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

Chapters 1, 2, 3 of
textbook
(Year 10, Terms 1-3)

Theme: Local area, holiday and travel

- **Holidays:** preferences, experiences and destinations
- **Travel and tourist transactions:** travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **Town, region and country:** weather; places to see; things to do

Chapters 4 and 5 or
textbook
(Year 10, Term 4-6)

Theme: School

- **What school is like:** school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success
- **School activities:** school trips, events and exchanges

Chapter 6 of textbook
(Year 11, Term 1)

Theme: Future aspirations, study and work

- **Using languages beyond the classroom:** forming relationships; travel; employment
- **Ambitions:** further study; volunteering; training
- **Work:** jobs, careers and professions

Chapter 7 of textbook
(Year 11, Term 2)

Theme: International and global dimension

- **Bringing the world together:** sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- **Environmental issues:** being 'green'; access to natural resources

Chapter 8 of textbook
(Year 11, Term 3)

The Examinations

Paper 1 – Listening – 45 minutes

Paper 2 – Speaking – Preparation time: 12 minutes, Speaking time: 10-12 minutes

- 1) Role Play
- 2) Picture Task
- 3) General Conversation (first topic chosen by you, second topic allocated by examination board)

Paper 3 – Reading – 60 minutes

Paper 4 - Writing - 1 hour 20 minutes

- 1) Short writing task (80-90 words)
- 2) Longer writing task (130-150 words) – usually the task is to write an article or formal letter
- 3) Translation into French (short passage)