

GCSE French

La vie scolaire (School)

- Express sophisticated opinions on school subjects.
- Describe own school and the school day.
- Give opinions on school uniform and rules.
- Compare school life in France and in England.
- Use idioms to add interest to speaking and writing.
- Use key verbs in the imperfect tense to describe primary school.

Les fêtes et les traditions (Festivals and traditions)

- Learn about French-speaking festivals such as *La Fête Nationale* (Bastille Day) and *Mardi Gras*.
- Re-cap the perfect tense focusing on irregular verbs.
- Describe own experience of celebrating important festivals with families using topic-specific vocabulary.
- Focus on techniques for meeting GCSE exam-style criteria in longer writing tasks and the oral photo description task.

Technology

Mon temps libre (Free time)

- Talk about free time in greater depth, discussing the importance of sports and hobbies.
- Develop a wide range of comprehension strategies to decode more complex texts.
- Be able to discuss music, television, book and film preferences.
- Describe how young people use technology.
- Discuss the pros and cons of the internet and social media.

Ma santé (Food and health)

- Recap vocabulary linked to food and drink, including ordering food in a restaurant.
- Discuss healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.
- Give health advice using modal verbs.
- Use more sophisticated negative structures.

L'environnement (Environment)

- Recap vocabulary linked to places in town and descriptions.
- Be able to describe own town.
- Discuss environmental problems, both globally and in the local area.
- Discuss what we can do to be greener.
- Use modal verbs and the imperative form to give instructions.
- Develop strategies to handle gap-fill tasks.
- Cover the imperfect tense in greater depth to describe their town then and now.

Les vacances (Holidays)

- Discussing dream holidays using the conditional.
- Problems encountered on holiday.
- The advantages and disadvantages of different methods of transport.
- Re-cap weather vocabulary across 3 tenses.

- Work towards role-play scenarios in hotels and at the train station.

Le monde et moi (Social issues)

- Look at social and global issues such as homelessness and the developing world.
- Be able to discuss the advantages of volunteering to help those in need.
- Look at the world of work, and discuss future plans and part time jobs.

**Advice to students
for independent
study**

- Learn key verbs such as *manger, jouer, aller* in the perfect (past), present and future tenses (foundation) and imperfect and conditional (higher).
- Use Quizlet to revise key topic vocabulary, especially for topics that we covered in year 9 and 10.
- Ensure that you have prepared and learned answers to ten questions on your chosen general conversation topic.
- Make sure that you can give and justify opinions using a wide range of adjectives such as *rigolo, barbant, malsain*.
- Use your revision guide to familiarise yourself with exam-style questions on the reading and listening papers, in particular the rubrics (instructions) which will be written in French.