



OVERVIEW

At ICA, our two year French GCSE course follows the Pearson Edexcel syllabus and aims to develop students' proficiency and communication skills in both written and spoken French across a wide range of topics. These topics cover vocabulary and content relating to six thematic areas or topics. Students will also further develop and improve the four main language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking, and will build on the French vocabulary and grammatical structures learned throughout KS3. At the end of the two-year course, students will be assessed in the four main skills, with each component worth 25% of the final grade. There is no coursework, just four papers at the end of the course.

Autumn

Unit 1- Lifestyle, media and technology

- TV programmes and cinema
- How I watch my favourite shows
- How I use devices and technology /Social media
- Free time activities: sports and games

Unit 2- My personal world and relationships

- Describing myself and family
- Getting along – why (not)
- Difficult relationships with friends & Generation gaps
- Staying in touch with relatives with new technologies
- Celebrating with family and friends
- Traditions and special foods

Assessment:

Unit 1 end of topic assessment: hybrid Reading and Writing GCSE-style paper.

Mixed tiers, one hour.

Personal development:

Cultural awareness :
Youth culture and social media safety, discussing pros and cons of new technologies.
Celebrations and special foods

Spring

Unit 2- My personal world and relationships (continued)

- Marriage and other plans
- When I was little- dreams
- Music taste and concerts

Unit 3- Lifestyle and wellbeing

- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Routines to stay well
- Foods and drink and quantities
- Problems at the restaurant
- Shopping for food- transactional questions
- Diets and how to improve my health
- At the doctors' / explaining what is wrong

Assessment:

January Mid-year assessment: Listening, Writing and Reading

Personal development:

Allows students to understand the differences in French law regarding marriage and the PACS

Different diets and foods around French speaking countries

Summer

Unit 4- school life

- Describing my school
- Talking about my favourite subjects and give extended opinions and reasons
- Uniform and rules- agreeing and disagreeing
- Extra-curricular opportunities
- A school trip I have attended
- My ideal school
- Career prospects and jobs
- Work experience
- Languages in the work place

Revision for End of year exams

Exam techniques

Speaking exams

Assessment:

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca
Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

End of Year GCSE mock assessment:
Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking

Personal development:

Cultural awareness:
differences between UK and French schools
Expressing extended opinions, agreeing and disagreeing

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

BBC Bitesize/Quizlet/ Savemyexam

Seneca/ Languagenut.com

Duolingo/ Languagesonline.org.uk

Linguascope/PearsonRevise

Homework:

Homework will be given on a weekly basis via online platform Seneca or vocabulary building through Knowledge Organisers. Tasks on Seneca will focus on developing their ability in the four key skills and will relate to the modules & Themes.