

National curriculum or specification coverage

Over four lessons per fortnight, pupils continue to follow a spiral curriculum in French, progressing with new learning whilst recalling content from year 7. The three standards of the curriculum (vocabulary, grammar and phonics) are woven into every lesson. The skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing are all developed and assessed. The content leads directly into the GCSE French specification; year 8 is the second year of the five year French curriculum at Helsby High.

Date	Exams/ Assessments	Learning Intentions	Core Task/Assessments
31/08/26		Phonics recall – year 7 vocab recall – il y a / il n'y a pas de	Core task based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar covered so far. All the content for revision will be accessible on Language Nut. This will take place just before the October half-term break.
07/09/26		French alphabet – Francophone countries / jobs – recall of avoir & être	
14/09/26		Silent 'h' – jobs – ils/elles form of avoir & être / masculine & feminine forms of job titles	
21/09/26		Liaisons / em,am – combining adjectives with jobs - masculine & feminine forms of adjectives	
28/09/26		en,an / aim,im – French celebrations – dates in French / Recall question words in French	
05/10/26		ain,in / on – French celebrations – using 'on' and 'son, sa, ses' (his,her)	
12/10/26		Recall jobs & recall celebrations – recall of present tense & adjectives	
19/10/26		CORE TASK & DIRT	Core task based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar covered so far. All the content for revision will be accessible on Language Nut. This will take place just before the Christmas holiday.
26/10/26		HALF TERM	
02/11/26		gn – activities at home – past tense of faire (j'ai fait) and dire (j'ai dit)	
09/11/26		r – useful verbs – past tense of regular -er verbs	
16/11/26		Phonics recall – geography vocabulary (Brussels & Switzerland) – practice of past tense	
23/11/26		closed o – tourism vocabulary (Geneva) – contrast il y a with il y avait / negatives in the past	
30/11/26		au / s – places in the town – prepositions (describing location/position)	
07/12/26		th – musical instruments and sports – jouer à (sport) and jouer de (music)	Assessment based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar
14/12/26		CORE TASK & DIRT	
21/12/26		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
28/12/26			
04/01/27		ill, ille – foods – revise verbs 'manger' and 'boire' / revise partitive article & definite articles	Assessment based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar
11/01/27	Y8	ll – revise for assessment: foods, articles, past tense, music & sport, jobs	

Year 8 Long Term Scheme of Learning 2026-2027

Subject: French

18/01/27	Y8	ASSESSMENT & DIRT	covered so far in year 8 and also in year 7. All the content for revision will be accessible on Language Nut. This will take place during the year 8 assessment fortnight in January.
25/01/27		Vowels with L – everyday activities – Irregular verbs (sortir, venir, prendre). Revise tu and vous.	
01/02/27		oy/oi – Revise celebrations – revise 'on'. Revise 3 tenses.	
08/02/27		Reading & listening practice – food in Guadeloupe and Algeria.	
15/02/27	HALF TERM		
22/02/27		y – school activities – regular -ir verbs	Core task based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar covered so far. All the content for revision will be accessible on Language Nut. This will take place just before the spring break
01/03/27		x,aux – nouns with irregular plurals – revise present tense	
08/03/27		Revise future tense & past tense	
15/03/27		Revise for core task (prepare writing).	
22/03/27		CORE TASK, DIRT & springtime/Easter activities	
29/03/27	SPRING BREAK		
05/04/27			
12/04/27		om,on – restaurant vocabulary – irregular adjectives (agreements & positions)	Pupils will have their independent writing (assessment preparation) marked in detail by their teacher, giving them a chance to correct and re-draft before revising.
19/04/27		um,un – revise adjectives – form comparisons. Meilleur vs mieux.	
26/04/27		r – everyday activities - verbs like prendre, apprendre, comprendre. Regular -re verbs.	
03/05/27		Revise future tense. Add a negative (ne..pas)	
10/05/27		Revise past tense	
17/05/27		Revise year 7 & year 8 phonics, vocabulary & grammar	
24/05/27		Prepare for independent writing (3 tenses)	
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27	Y8	ASSESSMENT & DIRT	Assessment based on the phonics, vocabulary & grammar covered so far in both year 7 and 8. Revision materials will be accessible on Language Nut and pupils will have prepared during the previous half-term. This will take place during the year 8 assessment fortnight in June.
14/06/27	Y8	Recall future tense & recall past tense	
21/06/27		Study of 'Déjeuner du matin' poem	
28/06/27		Study of film 'Les Choristes'	
05/07/27		Describe the plot in English and in French	
12/07/27		Analyse the main characters of the film and discuss the teaching methods of the school	