

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 8



Subject	French	Why do we study these units in Year 8?
Lessons per fortnight	2 lessons	In Year 8 we look to build on the skills, grammar and vocabulary that students have learnt in Year 7. We study a range of units which link to the three main themes which are Theme 1 Identity and culture, Theme 2 Local, national, international and global areas of interest and Theme 3 Current and future study and employment. We revisit and build upon conceptual understanding of grammatical structures and vocabulary from Year 7 and reapply them to the units in Year 8.
Setting	Mixed ability	

<p>Students are encouraged to be Responsible Global Citizens through activities/content on healthy lifestyles(UNSG 3) Comparison of education systems (UNSG 4) Looking at African Francophone countries and what we can do to help (UNSG 1+2)</p>
<p>We ensure all students experience high challenge in the subject by including differentiated questioning, extension tasks, extending how much they write which will develop in year 9, diversifying skills, fostering independent enquiry and use of open-ended tasks.</p>
<p>Literacy work this year includes grammar, spelling and pronunciation rules</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity opportunities this year includes presentation work, trips abroad, theatre trips, posters and cultural discovery.</p>
<p>Employability opportunities/skills covered this year are formal and informal register, communication skills, presentations from guest speakers about jobs and the importance of languages, job applications and comparisons of jobs in UK and abroad.</p>

Term	Unit title	Knowledge and Understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
1	Food and drink	Talking about breakfast foods and French meals and giving opinions about food and drink. Grammar: The definite article after aimer and préférer, The partitive article du, de la, de l', des, adjectives	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Memorising strategies, Identifying and applying language patterns. Pronunciation.	2 vocab tests
2	Food and drink	Talking about healthy eating, Discussing healthy lifestyles, Talking about what you are going to do to become healthier. Grammar: Devoir and Falloir + infinitive, verb aller, present and future tenses, verb aller+infinitives Time frame words, negatives	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Asking questions, using context to work out meaning	15 word vocab test, Translation into French and Reading assessment
3	At school	Talking and giving opinions about school subjects and school rules. Comparing schools in Uk vs France Grammar: Pronouns Likes and dislikes, er verbs, Intensifiers, Connectives, Identifying word function, Position of adjectives, Adjectival	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Reading strategies including cognates and false friends	2 vocab tests

		agreement, Devoir and Falloir + infinitive		
4	Daily routines	Talking about your daily routine using reflexive verbs and say what time you do it. Grammar: Reflexive verbs Il est + time Present tense Frequency adjectives Question words	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Numeracy skills. Identifying and applying language patterns to reflexive verbs. Pronunciation.	15 words vocab test, Translation and Speaking assessment
5	Holidays	Talking about usual and preferred holidays Grammar: Using prepositions, Asking questions with/without question words, Using verb choisir, Near future Je vais prendre, Je voudrais + infinitive, The verb aller	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Asking questions. Identifying and applying language patterns	2 vocab tests
6	Daily life and Francophone countries	Talking about where you live and where you are going to live Describe daily routine Talk about what you did yesterday Discuss what you do to help others	Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Translation. Reading strategies including cognates and false friends.	15 words vocab test, Translation and Writing assessment



	<p>French speaking countries in Africa</p> <p>Grammar: Asking questions, Giving opinions, Perfect tense, Near future, On pourrait +infinitive</p>		
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