# THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

## French Curriculum Overview - Upper School (Years 9-11)

### Leading to AQA GCSE French from Year 10

### Whole School Curriculum Map

| Year Group | Michaelmas 1 | Michaelmas 2 | Lent 1 | Lent 2 | Trinity 1 | Trinity 2 |
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| **Year 9** | Future plans and careers | Social issues and charity | Film, music and French literature | Global issues and the wider world | Consolidation of grammar and tenses | Preparation for GCSE transition |
| **Year 10 (GCSE begins)** | Identity and relationships with others | Technology in everyday life | Free-time activities | Customs and festivals in Francophone countries | Home, town, neighbourhood and region | School, studies and future aspirations |
| **Year 11** | Travel and tourism | Environment and global issues | Work experience, jobs and ambitions | Speaking and writing exam preparation | Revision and retrieval | GCSE examinations |

### Curriculum Intent

- Develop confident, curious and resilient linguists
- Build strong communication skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Foster appreciation and understanding of French-speaking cultures
- Equip pupils with the vocabulary and grammar needed for GCSE success and beyond
- Encourage independence, fluency and cultural awareness

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### Implementation

- Lessons are sequenced to build vocabulary and grammar progressively
- Retrieval practice and spaced repetition strengthen long-term retention
- Pupils regularly practise speaking through pair work, role play and presentations
- Authentic audio, video and reading materials develop real-world language understanding
- Assessment informs teaching and supports progress towards GCSE outcomes

**Review Cycle: Annual**

### Impact

- Communicate confidently in French across a range of contexts
- Develop strong pronunciation, grammatical accuracy and fluency
- Understand and appreciate the diversity of the Francophone world
- Become independent learners prepared for GCSE French and further study
- Achieve their potential in GCSE French and beyond

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