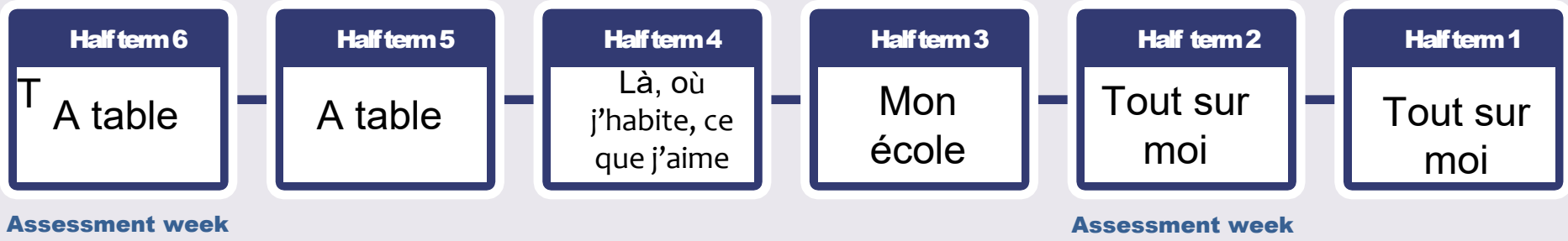


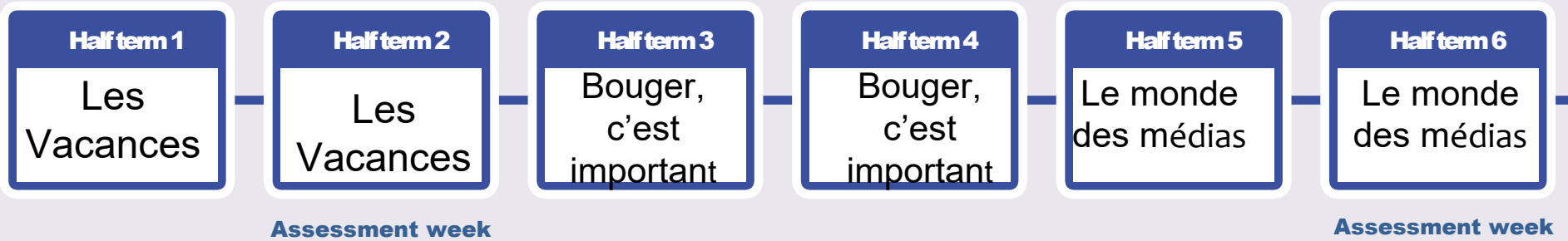
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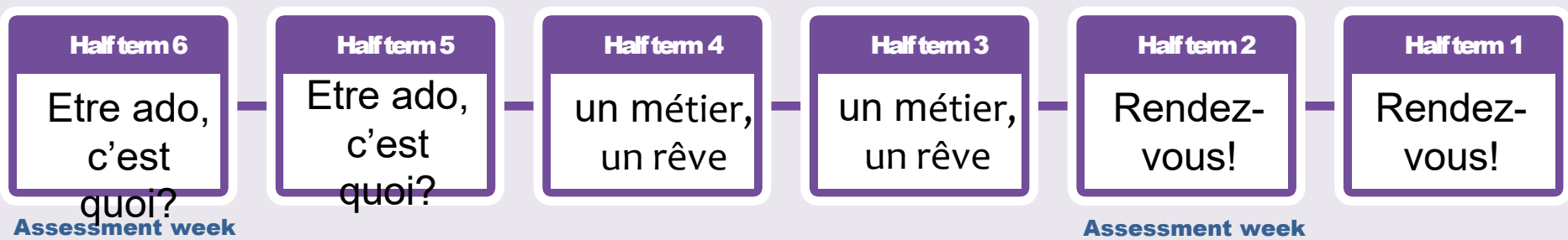
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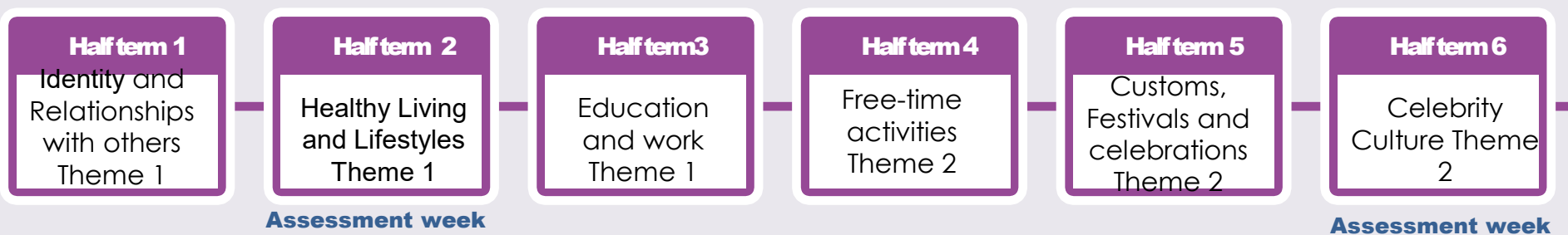


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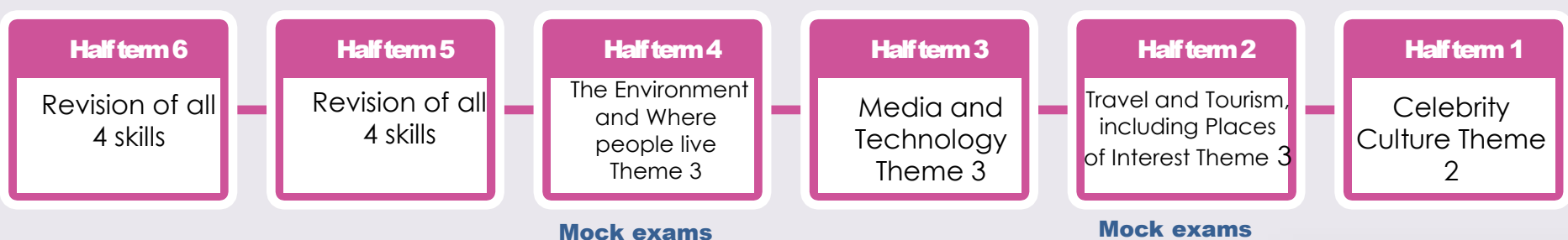


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Key Stage 4 – GCSE



Year Eleven



Further Education/Employment

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Rationale

Learning a language is more than just words – it's about opening doors to the wider world. At The Westleigh School, studying French helps pupils to:

- Communicate with confidence – speaking, listening, reading and writing in a new language.
- Explore new cultures – discovering French traditions, music, food, films and daily life.
- Build valuable life skills – improving memory, problem-solving, resilience and teamwork.
- Gain qualifications that matter – preparing for success at GCSE and beyond.
- Broaden horizons – languages open up opportunities for travel, further study, and future careers.

Our MFL curriculum supports pupils step by step, from learning the basics in Year 7 to mastering more complex skills by Year 11. We want every pupil to enjoy their language learning, feel proud of their progress, and see how French connects them to the wider world.

Intent

Learning French at The Westleigh School helps pupils develop confidence, communication skills and cultural awareness. Our curriculum is engaging and supportive, preparing pupils for life beyond school while opening doors to the French-speaking world. Pupils build grammar and vocabulary alongside listening, speaking, reading and writing. Stories, songs, films and cultural texts bring French to life.

Implementation

Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9):

All pupils learn French. Lessons focus on the pillars of language learning – reading aloud, translation and dictation – as well as grammar and vocabulary. Pupils study cultural topics such as family, holidays, food and media. Assessments take place each term to track progress and prepare for GCSE.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11):

Pupils follow the AQA GCSE French course. Lessons are taught as much as possible in French, encouraging pupils to communicate confidently. Learning is supported with films, songs, authentic texts and online tools like Quizlet, Socrative and Kerboodle. Pupils practise regularly in all four skills – listen speaking, reading and writing – so they are well-prepared for GCSE exams.

Impact

By the end of their language journey, pupils can communicate clearly in French and are ready for GCSE and beyond. Just as importantly, they gain wider life skills such as resilience, problem-solving, memory and adaptability.

We measure the impact of our MFL curriculum through:

- GCSE results and progress over time
- Engagement in lessons and enrichment (trips, clubs, competitions)
- Pupil feedback on confidence and enjoyment
- The number of pupils continuing with languages at KS5

This way, we celebrate not only exam success, but also how pupils grow in confidence and curiosity about the wider world.