



A Level French – preparation for sixth form

Welcome to A Level French! The ability to understand and communicate in another language is a life-long skill for education and employment purposes. Universities widely respect MFL qualifications as proof of the academic ability to study a wide variety of courses. We hope this gives you some guidance as how best to prepare yourself for picking this subject. We are really looking forward to seeing you in the classroom soon.

You **must** complete every section of the **compulsory** work needed to support your transition into French A level. It is also **highly recommended** that you complete the **suggested** preparation work

Compulsory work	GCSE Revision	<p>Golden Grammar - We have rather helpfully included the answers with the first grammar test that we will give you in September. This is a test to see if you can remember those rules in GCSE (that are made to be broken so get ready for the exceptions!!) Think about how you can best learn these rules: Post-Its all over your house; writing verb endings in the sand on the beach; look, cover, write, say, check; vocab or verb cards; make your own quizlets to test yourselves...</p> <p>Translations – this is to see how well you can recognise which tense to use when translating. Tip: remember not to do a google translate in your head – think which tense is this in English and then go through the process of conjugating it in French.</p> <p>Please complete these translations under the title “GCSE translations”. These will be marked by us to gauge your prior knowledge and awareness of tenses you will continue to use throughout the course.</p>
	A Head Start	<p>There are 6 topics which we will cover in Y12 along with the film (Kassovitz’s La Haine). For your summer holiday homework we are setting you to learn the vocab in the first few units we will cover in lessons.</p> <p>These are units 1.1, 4.1 and 2.1 of the A Level AQA textbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - La famille en voie de changement: la vie de couple (https://quizlet.com/gb/529457298/la-vie-de-couples-flash-cards/) - Une culture fière de son patrimoine: le patrimoine regional, national et local (https://quizlet.com/gb/560359239/le-patrimoine-sur-le-plan-national-regional-et-local-flash-cards/) - La “cyber société”: comment la technologie facilite la vie quotidienne (https://quizlet.com/524474335/comment-la-technologie-facilite-la-vie-quotidienne-flash-cards/) <p>These lists are available on the handouts you have been given and on Quizlet in the links above.</p> <p>We would like to see evidence of this learning. Whether this is through look/cover/write/check techniques or an individual revision tool you have used yourself.</p>
	Organise your File	<p>Please follow the instructions on the ‘Organise your ring binder’ document to ensure that you remain organised for the next 2 years!</p>

		Ensure the above work is placed in the correct sections in your folder. The GCSE revision tasks should be placed in the Grammar section
Suggested preparation work	Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm this is a great free website, in particular it helps to ensure you are familiar with the basics because it has a clear explanation of the tenses before you make a start on practising them using the interactive exercises to test your understanding. • https://language-gym.com/#/ click on verb trainer and then select the tense, pronouns and group of verbs. There is a handy cheat sheet which you can check as you go along. • We would recommend downloading the Nouvel Observateur Conjugaison app which is free – this is an online verb table. Ideally you would be able to memorise all forms of verbs and try not to use it to excess but it is a useful point of reference when you are starting out on your language learning journey!
	Websites – global awareness	<p>www.lemonde.fr - try to read one short article a day over the holidays. This will not only give you awareness of the events taking place in the francophone world but will have a positive impact on your French reading skills.</p> <p>www.podcastfrancaisfacile.com – this is an excellent tool for listening to everyday conversations, learning grammar and expanding your vocabulary awareness. The gap-fill tasks are extremely useful; especially if you find listening tasks quite challenging.</p> <p>https://www.1jour1actu.com/infos-animees - This is a great website for reading and listening to relevant news topics from around the world. Both the articles and videos are nice and short for reading and listening on the go!</p>
	Films and TV	<p>Sign up to Netflix or Amazon Prime for access to a fantastic variety of French speaking films and television programmes which will have a positive impact on your reading and listening skills. You can either play them with English or French subtitles. Some of our favourites are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lupin 2. Call My Agent (Dix Pour Cent) 3. Le Chalet 4. La vie scolaire
	Radio and Music	<p>Check out these websites to listen to and to raise your awareness about French music from around the world:</p> <p>https://www.francemusique.fr/ https://www.nrj.fr/ https://www.arte.tv/fr/</p> <p>Check out these singers/rappers too:</p> <p>Bigflo et Oli Louane Stromae Soprano Coeur de Pirate Indila Christine & the Queens Maître Gims</p>

Tasks to be completed and handed in on our first lesson in September 2021

If you have any queries please email Miss Deakins and/or Mrs Rogers (ideakins@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk / lrouters@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk). We will be in school until Friday 16th July 2021 and available via email on GCSE results day on 12th August.