

A Level French Bridging work

We are delighted that you have decided to continue with your French studies for A Level.

In order to bridge the gap between the end of your GCSE studies and the start of the A Level course, we would like to suggest some ways to help you consolidate and develop the level of French with which you ended Year 11.



Please find below a range of different activities for you to complete before the beginning of Year 12. For your A Level course it is essential that you have a broad knowledge of the society, culture, customs, politics and musicians in France and French speaking countries. There are some compulsory activities, marked **C**. You will need to complete **all** of these. There are other optional activities, marked **O**. You will need to complete **at least 3 of these**.

In your first few weeks of Year 12 there will be a grammar test.

Tick off all the activities you complete over the holidays and bring this to your first lesson. There will be achievement marks awarded for your efforts. It really will help you start off the term on the right foot.

Bonnes Vacances!

Activity	C/O	Tick when completed ✓
<p>Review essential French grammar (There will be a test on this in your first week back. As there is lots of course content, it is essential you know the basics):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must know how to form the present, perfect, imperfect, future and conditional tenses. • You must know how to conjugate regular -er, -re and -ir verbs • You know how the following irregular verbs conjugate: être, avoir, faire, aller, venir, pouvoir, vouloir, devoir, sortir, savoir, dire <p>(Use self-correcting exercises to test yourself.)</p> <p>https://conjuguemos.com/activities/french/verb/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhh2gwx https://www.languagenut.com</p> <p>You might want to use Youtube to help you- here is a channel I recommend: https://www.youtube.com/user/learnfrenchwithalexa</p>	<p>C</p>	

<p>Ensure you revise any other grammar points which you struggled with in Year 11</p>		
<p>Be up to date with French news. Read an article on: https://www.1jour1actu.com/ (aimed at children but it gives simple and easy-to-understand explanations)</p> <p>https://www.lemonde.fr/ https://www.lefigaro.fr/ https://www.20minutes.fr/</p> <p>Or watch the news: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSKdvgqdnj72_SLgpp7BDTg (Brut is a new news network which is on all social media- their videos are usually subtitled and tackle really interesting topics)</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Paste the link to the article/video:</p>
<p>Watch French film clips on Youtube or stream them. Did you know that Netflix and Amazon Prime also have International Films? They quite often have French films on there which are subtitled in English: https://www.imdb.com/search/title/?title_type=feature&primary_language=fr</p> <p>Here is IMDB's list of most popular French language films for you to select from. Write down which film you saw. Find out about an actor in the film or the director and write a short paragraph in English.</p> <p>We recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coco Avant Chanel (Coco Before Chanel) - Amélie - La Môme (La Vie en Rose) - Les Intouchables (The Intouchables) 	<p>C</p>	<p>Write the name of the film here:</p>
<p>Read a short story in French: http://www.languageguide.org/french/readings/ (here you can read and listen to pronunciation at the same time) http://www.tremplinle.com/useful-links--resources.html (use this page to help you find a list of recommended French titles) https://www.thefablecottage.com/languages/french (well-known children's stories)</p>	<p>O</p>	<p>Write the name of a story you read here:</p>
<p>Listen to French radio, select a station according to your interests: http://tunein.com/radio/French-Music-g143/ (You can find music, news or information programmes. Listen to a song or a news item and challenge yourself to work about what is being said)</p>	<p>O</p>	
<p>Listen to a French singer or group on Spotify or Youtube. Do some background research on the artist and write a short paragraph in English. What genre are they? Which instruments do they use?</p>	<p>O</p>	<p>Write the name of the singer or group here:</p>
<p>Research a tradition or custom from a French speaking country. Does it surprise you how different this might be to the UK? Make a note of when, where and how it is celebrated. You will share this with the others in September.</p>	<p>O</p>	<p>Write the name of a tradition or custom you have looked at:</p>

Research a French painter, architect or sculptor.

Make a note of any outstanding works – where and why is this person famous?



Write the name of a work you have looked at: