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Sixth Form Bridging Courses

French

A-Level Bridging Work French For Summer 2020

We are delighted that you have decided to continue with your French studies for A-Level. This subject is fascinating, and it gives you an insight into cultural aspects of French/Francophone life. For your A-Level course, it is essential that you are confident in your use of tenses and develop a broader knowledge of the target language country's society, government, history, fashion, art, music and lifestyle.

There are lots of things you can do to help you approach A-Level study more confidently. Please find below a range of different activities for you to complete before the beginning of Year 12.

All the tasks are designed to develop your French skills and your knowledge of the francophone world.

There are some compulsory activities, marked **C**. You will need to complete **all** of these.

There are other optional activities, marked **O / O**. You will need to complete **at least 3** of these.

Activity	C/O	Tick when completed ✓
<p>Review essential French grammar:</p> <p><i>YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO FORM THE PRESENT, PERFECT, IMPERFECT, FUTURE AND CONDITIONAL TENSES.</i></p> <p>YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO CONJUGATE REGULAR –ER, -RE AND –IR VERBS PLUS THE FOLLOWING IRREGULAR VERBS: être, avoir, faire, aller, venir, pouvoir, vouloir, devoir, sortir, savoir, prendre, dire.</p> <p>https://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/ (Use the search function on this site to review any part of French grammar. There is a lesson and then exercises to test yourself with.)</p>	C	



<p>http://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm - select a topic from the list available. Focus on the tenses above, including regular and common irregular verbs.</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 in French by accessing online newspaper websites, e.g.: e.g. http://www.lemonde.fr/, http://www.1jour1actu.com/, https://www.ouest-france.fr/</p> <p>Read not only for factual information but also to see how a good writer plans logically, draws arguments together and defends views and beliefs. The same applies to watching TV programmes such as the news or debates/discussion-style programmes. Watch channel https://www.20minutes.fr/ or http://www.rfi.fr/fr/podcasts/journal-francais-facile/ for news in French. You can also watch http://www.tv5monde.com/ to gain access to their TV shows. Check out their French language learning section at https://langue-francaise.tv5monde.com/ where you can watch clips and answer comprehension questions on what you have seen with accompanying grammar exercises.</p>	C	
<p>Listen to a French singer or group on Spotify or Youtube.</p> <p>Do some background research on the artist and write a short paragraph in English. What genre are they? Which instruments do they use?</p>	C	
<p>Watch French film clips on Youtube or stream them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">You can also watch French films on Netflix and Amazon Prime. Watching these films will help you become familiar with the work of French directors and give you an insight into French cinematography. Make a note of the film and director, as well as some brief notes (these can be in English) about the plot and whether you liked it or not. Also, as you watch the film, jot down at least 10 new words/ phrases. Use this site	O	



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<p>https://www.imdb.com/search/title to find a list of popular French films to watch or choose from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Les 400 coups</i> François Truffaut (1959)• <i>Au revoir les enfants</i> Louis Malle (1987)• <i>L'auberge espagnole</i> Cédric Klapisch (2002)• <i>Un long dimanche de fiançailles</i> Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)• <i>Entre les murs</i> Laurent Cantet (2008)		
<p>Introduce yourself to short stories in French: http://www.languageguide.org/french/readings/ (here you can read and listen to pronunciation at the same time)</p>	O	
<p>Listen to French radio, select a station according to your interests: http://tunein.com/radio/French-Music-g143/ This will not only sharpen up your listening skills, but you will hear names of people who are important. (Listen to a song or a news item and challenge yourself to work out what is being said)</p>	O	
<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.</p>	O	
<p>Explore and investigate! Keep a scrapbook of newspaper or magazine cuttings on anything you find which concerns the country and language you are going to study.</p>	O	
<p>Research a French designer, painter, architect or sculptor. Where and why is this person famous?</p>	O	

Keep a list of the dates on which you complete the activities over the holidays and bring this to your first lesson. It really will help you start off the term on the right foot.