

French A-level Summer Work

Welcome to French A-Level at The Duston School!

This document contains everything you need to know about the course as well as your Summer Homework.

AQA is our exam board. (This means you can take the AS at the end of Year 12.)

You will have three exams.

- Speaking (stimulus cards and for A2 Independent Research Project)
- Listening, reading, translation into English and summaries in French.
- Writing (on a film for AS, on a film and book for A2) and translation into French.

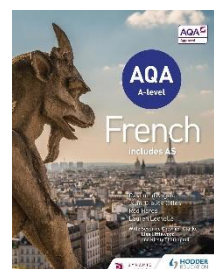
You will have 5 lessons a week, split between grammar (once a week to start with), theme work, film study in year 12/book in year 13 and speaking practice.

Year 12 Topics:

1. changing families
2. cyber society
3. the role of voluntary work
4. heritage (what is culture? Includes food, art and architecture)
5. contemporary French music
6. cinema the 7th art

To do:

1. Complete the following summer work. This is essential! You cannot start well without.
2. Buy AQA AS/A-level French Revision and Practice workbook for Themes 1 and 2 on amazon by Hodder Education. You will need this for class. If you need any help with finance contact the 6th form team as **bursaries are available**.
3. If possible: buy the textbook – AQA A-level French **Hodder Education** (we only a few for class but having your own is a lot easier). Available 2nd hand online and you can sell it after too.



Any questions just email Mrs R Oliver and bonne chance! We are very excited to teach you in September.

Summer work:

Part 1:

BBC Bitesize

- Complete the following grammar topics on BBC Bitesize. Complete the table log and ensure you have flashcards for each including the rules and examples.
- Do this gradually not all in one go. If you don't do this September will be a lot more difficult for you.
- The better you do this and the more you revise this the easier your life will be.
- Watch the videos too and if you don't understand something look for a youtube video or another explanation online.

Category	Date studied	Flashcard/evidence made
Nouns & Articles		
Adjectives		
Adverbs		
Present tense		
Perfect tense (passé composé) and Pluperfect		
Imperfect tense		
Future tenses		
Conditional		
Other forms		
Pronouns		
Negatives		
Prepositions		
Asking questions		

Part 2:

Everyday engage with one of the following or something else you find that is similar. Fill in the log at the end as proof. We want to see your personality and unique interests here. (minimum 4 times a week).

Find something you find fun.

It only needs to be for a few minutes.

Learn to love the culture and find intrigue in it and all its quirk!

Find what you are passionate about.

- When you come in September we would expect you to continue with this
- plus add in daily vocabulary revision specific to the course
- and your homework set for class

French is a commitment and we want you to thrive and enjoy it!

Apps and socials: there are loads out there, grab a few free trials (just remember to unsubscribe on time if you don't want to pay)

AI bots: (I am a BIG fan- we need to exploit these for all they are worth)

- **Praktika** – an amazing way to practice speaking and about any topic, just natural conversation with corrections, grammar tips and pronunciation help.
- **Promova** – more vocabulary focused, also contains role-play speaking tasks and will have an AI bot soon for flowing conversation.
- **Hyperlingua** - a new repetition based app, currently free.

TV

- **Lingopietv** – with subtitles- lots of shows available

Reading

- **Beelinguapp** –choose the correct level for you and a topic you care about
- **Linguinn app** - click any words you don't understand for a translation, choose the correct level for you and a topic you care about

Vocab practice

- **Onevoca** – enter your own vocabulary
- **26s**- pre-loaded with lists, with images to link to, with decks for your level
- ***Social media accounts:***

Frenchify your socials- start following people on insta and tiktok and your algorithm will change. There are loads out there. This will have a huge impact. Immerse yourself in the language but as always ***please be careful online!***

Instagram- these are just some personal suggestions and always take care who you follow

- Smarxmarx
- Myfrenchatelier
- montreuxcomedy
- le_pouvoir_du_positif
- Frenchmorning with Lisa
- Learnfrenchwithalexa
- motsdemomes
- mathieu.praz
- hellofrench
- atfrenchies

TV shows: all Netflix here

- Dix pour cent – casting agency, comedy
- Lupin – set in Paris, Sherlock-style mystery rebel
- Plan Coeur – very humorous, light-hearted
- Marianne - a bit intense, horror

Films:

AQA films: we will pick one as a class to study in Term 3 so it is a good idea to watch a few. I recommend the bottom 4.

- *Les 400 coups* François Truffaut (1959)
- *Au revoir les enfants* Louis Malle (1987)
- *La Haine* Mathieu Kassovitz (1995)
- *L'auberge espagnole* Cédric Klapisch (2002)
- *Un long dimanche de fiançailles* Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)
- *Entre les murs* Laurent Cantet (2008)

Additional works recommended:

- Les Intouchables
- Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain
- Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis
- Divines
- Bande de filles

Podcasts

- **Inner French** – speaks slowly, explains vocab.
- **Coffee break French** – very structured and nice
- **Journal en français facile** – easy news
- **French voices** – more francophone based so diverse in culture
- **Little talk in Slow French** – daily chats, very simple

Make a vocab list of new words as you go - i do the same!

Culture Log:

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