

French

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In September, you will be starting A Level French.

- 1) If you were in for the transition day, you should have a copy of the **élan Grammar Workbook**
- 2) You will have to work your way through all the exercises in the Grammar Workbook throughout Y12 and Y13. For September, you have to complete the following sections:
 - a. Nouns & determiners
 - b. Adjectives and adverbs
 - c. The main tenses of verbs (*excluding the pluperfect, direct/indirect speech, the past historic*)

Complete the exercises on lined paper.

- 3) There are also lots of websites that will allow you to keep up with French news and current affairs. These will tie in with the different themes that we will be studying:
 - a. [TV5MONDE - Programmes en replay, guide TV, voir la chaîne en direct](#)
Use this for watching French news, reading some articles, discovering French culture or accessing learning resources (free). Excellent resource.
 - b. <https://www.lemonde.fr/>
 - c. <https://www.lefigaro.fr/>
Le Monde and Le Figaro are the top two national newspapers. Choose an article and try to understand the gist.
 - d. [Paris Match](#)
news and current-events magazine, Paris Match features picture stories on public affairs, profiles and interviews of government officials and assorted celebrities, and stories on entertainment, fashion, and consumer products.
- 4) **French cinema.** This is a good way to improve your cultural knowledge and linguistic skills. Watch films with subtitles in English first, and then in French. This way you listen and read so you can see the spelling, hear the pronunciation and learn the meaning in a context, all at the same time. If you have access to Netflix, there are quite a few good films. The series “dix pour cent” is worth watching.

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5) Other websites which are useful:

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

Excellent Website with tonnes of quizzes on various topics. Choose the language for list of activities. Scroll to bottom for crosswords, puzzles etc.

Also contains up to date articles on aspects of each culture.

<http://www.cortland.edu/flteach/civ/>

Good website with several audio comprehension exercises on a variety of topics relating to French culture at KS4 to Advanced Level. You listen to the recording then do a gap fill exercise to reinforce understanding.

www.tele7jours.com/index.phtml

The online version of a French TV magazine. Useful to become acquainted with television programmes.

www.letudiant.fr

The online version of the student-orientated magazine.

[RFI - Actualités, info, news en direct - Radio France Internationale](#)

Listening to the radio is an excellent way to improve listening skills.

Make a detailed log of all the activities you have undertaken during the summer and bring it to school in September.

Please come to the course with an open and inquisitive mind set and look forward to the delights of French.

Bonnes vacances et à septembre