

# KS5 French Summer work 2019

We are really happy that you are taking French for A Level.

It is a subject which will be interesting and useful not only for academic and employment reasons but also for travel and making new friends.

To make sure you have the best start possible in Year 12, here is what you should be doing over the summer.

It's important to learn by heart the key verbs in the basic tenses and also to get into good habits of wider reading and listening in the language. And, even better, we want you to have fun whilst doing this!

## Grammar

Please read through the Grammar Guide, familiarising yourself with the different tenses. Learn the following verbs in the **present, imperfect, perfect, conditional, simple future and near future tenses**. You may want to buy a verb table to help you with this.

Avoir	Pouvoir	Partir	Savoir
Aller	Devoir	Manger	Dire
Faire	Vouloir	Voir	Croire
Etre	Sortir	Se réveiller	Utiliser

## Useful grammar websites:

Language Gym [www.language-gym.com](http://www.language-gym.com)

Languages Online: [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

Tex's French Grammar: <https://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

## Writing

Please complete the translation task on mobile phones. You will also need to write a paragraph in French (100-200 words) expressing your opinion on the use and value of mobile phones.

## Listening

Brainpop videos: [www.brainpop.fr](http://www.brainpop.fr) Choose a subject and watch some videos - put the subtitles (sous titres) on! Then try the quiz afterwards to test your comprehension.

Lyrics Training: <http://lyricstraining.com/> - Click French in the top right-hand corner. Listen to a French song and try to type in the missing words accurately! Start easy and maybe try some harder levels!

French Radio: <http://www.listenlive.eu/france.html> - Have the French radio open in the background when you are doing other things to get used to the intonation etc. Kiss and NRJ are aimed at younger people.

Films – watch a few films in French with subtitles (English or French). Get used to hearing the language. You can borrow some from MFL dept or HMV have cheap ones in world cinema section.

Music: Youtube is great for finding French music ‘musique française 2017 / 2018’ will bring up playlists of latest music in the French charts.

## Vocabulary

Memrise: Sign up to [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) – click on courses and find some AS/A level French activities to work through.

Online dictionary: [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) is a good resource for individual words

## Reading

Les inrocks: [www.lesinrocks.com](http://www.lesinrocks.com) – Young person’s cultural magazine online (a bit like NME). Cinema, fashion, music, politics... find a few articles to read and note down any new vocabulary.

Euronews: <http://fr.euronews.com/> - articles and videos to watch/read. Note any new vocabulary.

## Resources for A Level

Please bring a pad of paper, folder and dividers.

You may also want to buy a French dictionary and a verb table or a grammar book for personal use

There is a good grammar and translation workbook (*AQA A Level French*) which is available to purchase on [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk).

*Mot à mot* is a good vocabulary book with some essay phrases etc.

You may also wish to have a separate vocab/grammar notes book.