

Get ready for September

Essential kit:

- A good **up-to-date** bilingual dictionary (the bigger the better)
- A4 File, dividers and paper

Preparation during the summer holidays

- **GRAMMAR**

Revise your GCSE grammar – verb tenses, gender, adjectives, pronouns etc. use websites like www.languagesonline.org.uk for repeated practice and www.language-gym.com for targeted grammar practice.

- **LISTENING AND READING**

There are millions of resources available online, with news clips, ads, and reports with comprehension exercises, grammar and vocab:

<http://www.ver-taal.com/>

<http://www.colby.edu/personal/b/bknelson/SLC/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/ultimas_noticias/

<http://www.bbc.mundo.com>

- **SPEAKING AND WRITING**

Chat to that group of exchange students in town, write a journal, a short story, a poem. Make up a song. In Spanish...*por supuesto*.

- **TOPICS**

Think about the topics we will be studying, develop some opinions, find issues to get passionate about. What are your views on gay marriage, eco-tourism, size zero models, extreme sports ...? What do you know about these issues?

- **COMPLETE INDEPENDENT LEARNING TASKS**

Print out and complete the summer work log. Try to vary the activities you do to include all 4 skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) as well as translation and grammar practice.