



AQA French – Summer work

1. Mini Research project

A major part of your a-Level course will be to research, present and discuss a topic of interest to you and relevant to the French-speaking world. To get you into the swing of this way of working, we would like you to choose an aspect of French life/culture, do some research, preferably using French websites, and prepare to present to the group. These will take place in the first couple of weeks of the course.

Here are some ideas for topics, but feel free to choose your own.

- French cinema
- French pop music
- French cuisine
- French fashion
- A region of France
- A French artist or musician
- Another French-speaking country

Your presentation should be no more than 5 mins long and should, of course, be in French. It should also include a visual aspect, perhaps a power point, a poster or some photographs.

2. Grammar

We recommend you buy the following grammar book – “Practice Makes Perfect Complete French Grammar”. (ISBN 978-0-07-178781-9) To revise the present tense, you should do the following pages and exercises to get you used to consulting a grammar during your A Level studies:

Pages 1-4 ex. 1.1 and 1.2

Pages 9-12 ex. 1.8 1.9 1.10

Pages 13-19 ex. 2.1 – 2.7

3. Writing

Write a short essay (250 words) on the topic covered in your induction lesson with Ms Philip

4. Text Book: AQA A Level French Published by Hodder Education
ISBN: 978 4718 5795 9



You may also like to watch a French film just for fun! Here are some recommendations:

- Intouchable (funny and moving drama)
- La classe (inner city school)
- Au revoir les enfants (Jewish children in Nazi occupied France)
- Un long dimanche de fiançailles (fiancée waiting after WW1)
- Amélie (quirky)
- Les choristes (teacher forms choir in children's home)
- Taxi (high speed chases)
- Jean de Florette (family move south and have trouble with locals)
- Manon des sources (follow on from film above)
- Auberge espagnol (Students go to study abroad on the Erasmus programme)
- Le dîner de cons (comedy of errors)