

Welcome to Year 12 French!



Type of course: 2 year linear (final exams in Yr 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

Link to specification: <http://aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652/>

Content of exams:

- **Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation** (F to E and E to F)
 - based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
 - 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
- **Paper 2 - Essay paper** – written in French
 - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each) (Film and book to be confirmed.)
 - 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
- **Paper 3 – Speaking**
 - Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Yrs 12 and 13
 - Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
 - Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

You will need:

- A5 journal/notebook for vocabulary
- A4 lever arch file (big and tall)
- A4 loose leaf paper
- Set of at least 10 dividers

To do before September:

1 Grammar – *required learning***:**

Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular -er, -re and -ir verbs
- Past tense / passé composé (and when to use avoir/être and how any endings change with être)
- Reflexive verbs and use of être in past tense
- Imperfect tense (j'étais)
- Future tense with aller (je vais manger) and future tense with avoir endings (je mangerai)
- Adjective endings and when they are used

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

- www.languagesonline.org.uk (scroll down to the more advanced/GCSE exercises)
- BBC Bitesize French <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9dqxnb>

Use the grammar self-assessment sheet to help you track your learning with these grammar points (and others)

2 Online learning – topic vocabulary, phrases, expressions *required learning*****

- Create a Memrise account – your name or something that is very recognisable as you. You should aim to achieve 100,000 points by the first lesson – prizes for those who achieve it!
<https://www.memrise.com/group/403894/>
- Also try this Kahoot game:
[French grammar quiz](#)

Choose a selection of activities from each of the following categories

3 Films to watch online

- Ultimate list of French films on Netflix: <https://frenchflicks.com/read-49/items/watch-french-films-on-netflix-2019.html>
- Ultimate list of French films on Amazon Prime <https://frenchflicks.com/read/items/the-best-french-films-on-amazon-prime.html>
- 100 Best French movies of all time <https://www.timeout.com/paris/en/film/best-french-movies>
- Les Intouchables
- Le Fabuleux Destin de Amélie Poulain / Amélie
- Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis
- La vie en Rose
- La Haine
- Entre les murs

4 Music, Books and Podcasts

- Discover French music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/search/musique%20francaise>
- Find a French song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete 'advanced' (or even 'expert'?!)
<https://lyricstraining.com/fr/>
- Find some French language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly
- Discover the Asterix and Tintin series

5 News and current affairs

- News in Slow French: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3sbOvAVL6lIdMjop1r4i1G>
- <https://www.1jour1actu.com/> watch at least one episode of news every week (the animated videos are very good), making a note of ANYTHING you understand and ignoring what you don't for now:
- Research: What are the political parties in France? (also compare to Belgium / Switzerland / another French-speaking country in the world) Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

6 Social Media

- Start a collection of French language memes
- Find out who the current social media influencers are in France, Belgium and Switzerland
- Follow a range of French social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests

7 Other ideas

- Find a French recipe and try it out
- Research a topic of your interest related to France or a French-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
- Vlog your summer in French, create memes, write a song, a poem or a story – get creative!
- Find out more about other countries across the world which have French as an official language: <https://www.francophonie.org/>
- Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the
 - Départements de France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3246>
 - Cities in France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3103> more difficult version: <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3327>
 - Regions of France <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3331>
- Research these opportunities for visiting France:
 - <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/france/>
 - <https://www.concordia.fr/eng>
- Find your preferred online dictionary
 - www.larousse.com
 - www.reverso.net
 - www.WordRef.com - online dictionaries in a number of languages
 - www.verbix.com - online verb conjugator
 - www.collinsdictionaries.com
 - www.bab.la
 - www.pons.com
 - www.lexicool.com
 - <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
- And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
 - **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool www.linguee.com
 - **DeepL** - even more advanced than Linguee - www.deepl.com
- Find a range of French language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
- Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into French

If you have any questions, then please drop me a line:

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See you soon!

Task Log – track any activities you do from categories 3-7 here

Date	Website / source	Comments

Grammar self-assessment

Revise anything you don't know using the suggestions in section 1. Essential learning is highlighted.

	I DO NOT KNOW	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT	My notes/comments
Nouns: gender, singular and plural forms					
Articles: definite (le, la...), indefinite (un, une)					
Partitive (de, du...)					
Adjectives: agreements (fem, pl...)					
Position/word order					
comparative and superlative (plus, la plus..)					
comparative and superlative irregular (mieux...)					
demonstrative (ce, cet, cette, ces)					
indefinite (chaque, quelque)					
possessive (mon, ta...)					
interrogative (quel, quelle...)					
Adverbs: comparative and superlative					
interrogative (comment, quand)					
Quantifiers/intensifiers (très, assez...)					
Pronouns: Subject (je, tu...)					
object: direct and indirect (le, lui...)					
position and order (je la lui donne)					
reflexive (me, te...)					
relative (qui, que,)					
relative: lequel, auquel, dont (R)					
object: direct and indirect					
disjunctive/emphatic (moi...)					
demonstrative (celui...) (R)					
indefinite (quelqu'un)					
possessive (le mien...) (R)					
interrogative (qui, que)					
interrogative (quoi) (R)					
use of y, en (+ word order)					
Verbs: modes of address (tu, vous)					
impersonal verbs (pleuvoir...)					
verbs + infinitive					
verbs + infinitive + preposition					
Verbs + à (je m'intéresse à)					
Verbs + de (je viens de)					
dependent infinitives (faire, laisser réparer) (R)					
negatives (ne..plus, pas...)					
Interrogative [question] forms (avez-vous...)					
Present (regular)					
Present (irregular)					
Perfect with avoir					
Perfect with être					
Perfect with reflexives					
Imperfect					
Future					

	DON'T	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT	My notes/comments
Conditional					
Future perfect (j'aurai fini...) (R)					
Conditional perfect (je serais parti...) (R)					
Pluperfect (j'avais eu...)					
Past historic (j'eus...) (R)					
Passive voice present (il est élu..) + others (R)					
Imperative (vas-y)					
Present participle (ayant...)					
Subjunctive mood (how to form it)					
Subjunctive mood (when to use it)					
Indirect speech					
Inversion after speech (R)					
Prepositions: à, au...					
with countries, towns, places					
with month, dates, time					
depuis, venir de					
Number, quantity and time					
Conjunctions					

REFERENCES:

Internet

www.languagesonline.org.uk

general site with an A Level section & GCSE revision (grammar very good)

www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/french

good site with lots of materials & downloads (need to register but free)

<http://french.about.com>

a really good general site for grammar

www.verb2verbe.com

site which translates any verb in any form (F>E & E>F)

www.alevelfrench.com

click on: **move up to A Level transition**

www.frenchexams.org

interactive revision materials

www.lepointdufle.net

a very comprehensive search engine for French grammar

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french

interesting site especially the **French slang** section

Reference books

Élan grammar workbook

Oxford

Easy learning French grammar

Collins

Practice in French grammar

Nelson Thomas

Help yourself to French grammar

Longman

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