**Welcome to Year 12 French!**

**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)
	+ 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
	+ Film to be studied (start Autumn Yr 12) ‘Au Revoir Les Enfants’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCMwCRix7tE> (no subtitles)
	+ Book to be studied (start at end of Yr 12) ‘L’Etranger’, Albert Camus

free pdf ebook available here: <https://www.anthropomada.com/bibliotheque/CAMUS-Letranger.pdf>

* **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

**Year 12 topic content:**

* La famille
* La cyber-société
* Le rôle du bénévolat
* La patrimoine
* La musique francophone contemporaine
* Le septième art

**Year 13 topic content:**

* Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique
* Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir ?
* La politique et l'immigration
* Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse
* Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?
* Comment on traite les criminels



**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
* Textbook (Can be second hand but make sure it’s the correct edition):

AQA French A Level Year 1 and AS, Pike, Povey, Shannon, Oxford, 2016

ISBN 978 019 836688 1

* Grammar workbook (Second hand not advisable as you’ll be writing in this. Make sure it’s the correct edition):

AQA French Grammar and Translation Workbook A Level and AS, Harrison, Oxford, 2017 ISBN 978 019 841553 4

**To do before term starts:**

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

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

* Quizlet - Year 12 French - <https://quizlet.com/join/ctMcZKqZy>
* Memrise - Yr 12 French <https://www.memrise.com/group/402291/>
* Duolingo Yr 12 French

<https://www.duolingo.com/o/ywjusj>

* Also try this Kahoot game:

[French grammar quiz](https://kahoot.it/challenge/01580926?challenge-id=ed68efdc-8518-40e9-8d4e-64d99a3b21d3_1587294595489)

**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 Untouchables
* Le Fabuleux Destin de Amélie Poulain / Amélie
* Bienvenue chez les Chtis
* La vie en Rose
* La Haine

**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/>
* With a free Suffolk Libraries card you can access thousands of international newspapers and publications in many languages through the PressReader app for free. Instructions on how to set this up <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/elibrary/press-reader/>
* 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/3sbOvAVL6IIdMjop1r4i1G>
* <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:
* Start following at least 3 different French language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from a range of French-speaking countries, or even a selection from each continent
* 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
* Follow a range of French language social media accounts: you could start by looking at our **@mfl\_abbeygate** page on IG and choosing the French language accounts from our following list.
* 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](http://www.larousse.com)
	+ [www.reverso.net](http://www.reverso.net)
	+ [www.WordRef.com](http://www.wordref.com) - online dictionaries in a number of languages
	+ [www.verbix.com](http://www.verbix.com) - online verb conjugator
	+ [www.collinsdictionaries.com](http://www.collinsdictionaries.com)
	+ [www.bab.la](http://www.bab.la)
	+ [www.pons.com](http://www..pons.com)
	+ [www.lexicool.com](http://www.lexcool.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](http://www.linguee.com)
	+ **Deepl** - even more advanced than Linguee - [www.deepl.com](http://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