

Tuxford Academy

GCSE → AS

French

Transition

Booklet





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150 points

Getting ready for AS French

We are very pleased to welcome you to the AS French course. There is a natural progression from GCSE to AS Level and many of the AS topics build upon your GCSE knowledge.

Language skills need to be practised – if you don't use it, you lose it! It is very important that you don't forget everything you've learnt over the summer!!

In order to be fully prepared for September, please work through the tasks in the booklet. Some of the tasks are designed to revise GCSE topics which will form the basis of AS topics. There are also grammar tasks and some activities to help you to develop your cultural awareness.

- Try to do something most days and certainly, at least 1 hour per week on average
- Do not leave it until the last minute

Please keep all of your GCSE exercise books and notes.

Getting organised for AS

Please get equipped with the following before September

- A ring binder
- Subject dividers: one for each topic area, a grammar section, written tasks and essays/articles/authentic sources/independent work. Plastic wallets will also be useful to help to get you organised.
- The following books:

20 points

Task 3 – Vocabulary Brainstorms: Write lots of words and phrases for each of these topics (they are all AS topics as well!)

Les Vacances

10 points

Les Loisirs

10 points

La télévision et les films

10 points

Task 4 – Revise opinion phrases – how many of these do you know?

à mon avis	
Je pense que	
Pour moi	
Selon moi	
à mes yeux	
selon ma mère	
Je crois que	
Je trouve	
Je m'intéresse à	
J'estime que...	
Certains français pensent que...	
franchement	

Try to learn these for September. They will be very useful.

10 points

Task 5 – Read an article from a French newspaper

Choose a topic that interests you (e.g. a film or sport you like)

Here are the websites for some French newspapers:

www.liberation.fr

www.lemonde.fr

www.lequipe.fr

www.yahoo.fr

Don't expect to understand every word. You might only recognise a few words or sentences. It doesn't matter as you are still developing your language skills.

Interesting words/phrases

10 points

Task 6 – Watch the French news (via the internet)

You won't understand everyone – don't worry. It's very fast!
Here are some French TV channels where you'll find news bulletins:

www.france2.fr

www.tfl.fr

www.TV5.fr

www.france24.fr

Interesting words/phrases

10 points

Task 7 – Practise your French grammar online. Check you are happy with everything you learnt for GCSE.

Here are some useful websites:

www.linguascope.com (verulam/pupils)

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.samlearning.co.uk

www.zut.org.uk

10 points

Task 8 – Watch a French film

You can download these, rent them from the library or video shop. BBC4 and Film 4 also sometimes show French films – so keep an eye on the TV schedules.

Here are some suggestions of relatively recent (and successful) films:

- Taxi (1-4)
- Amélie
- La Haine
- Les Choristes
- L’Auberge Espagnole
- Les Visiteurs
- La Famille Belier
- Le Petit Prince

There are far too many good films to choose from, it really depends what genre of film you enjoy. You could also watch British or American DVD with French dubbing track or subtitles on.

Task 9 – Write a review of the film you saw

30 points

Task 10 – Complete the following ‘diary’ in French for each week of the summer holidays.
What did you do? Why? What was your opinion? It doesn’t matter how uninteresting the week was, find something impressive to write in French.

	Qu’est-ce que tu as fait? – What did you do?
Semaine 1	
Semaine 2	
Semaine 3	

Semaine 4	
Semaine 5	
Semaine 6	

20 points