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**A LEVEL**

**French**

**Bridging Unit 2020**



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**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:
	+ A good French dictionary (eg Collins Robert Concise French Dictionary)
* Stationary: pens, pencils and highlighter pens

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| Task 1 – Check you can use a range of verbs in different tense |
| Conditional |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Future |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imperfect |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Near Future |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Present |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Past |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | faire | aller | jouer | regarder | manger | boire | rester | écouter | être | avoir |

**10 points**

**Task 2 – Write 100-150 words in French about your family. Try to use lots of the structures you learnt for GCSE.**

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

Les Vacances

Les Loisirs

La télévision et les films

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

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| 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.**

**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](http://www.liberation.fr)

[www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr)

[www.lequipe.fr](http://www.lequipe.fr)

[www.yahoo.fr](http://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

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

Try to get the gist of what is being said.

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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](http://www.france2.fr)

[www.tfl.fr](http://www.tfl.fr)

[www.TV5.fr](http://www.TV5.fr)

[www.france24.fr](http://www.france24.fr)

Interesting words/phrases

**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](http://www.linguascope.com) (verulam/pupils)

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

[www.samlearning.co.uk](http://www.samlearning.co.uk)

[www.zut.org.uk](http://www.zut.org.uk)

**Task 8 – Watch a French film**

You can download these, rent then 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 Chroristes
* 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**

**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.*

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|  | Qu’est-ce que tu as fait? – What did you do? |
| Semaine 1 |  |
| Semaine 2 |  |
| Semaine 3 |  |
| Semaine 4 |  |
| Semaine 5 |  |
| Semaine 6 |  |