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French:

GCSE to A-level transition booklet

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Getting ready for A-Level French

We are very pleased to welcome you to the A-Level 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 A-Level

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 apps:
 - dict.cc
 - wordreference
 - memrise
 - quizlet
- Stationary: pens, pencils and highlighter pens, a variety of coloured pens to help with vocabulary recording.

THIS BOOKLET MUST BE COMPLETED OVER THE SUMMER AND WILL BE COLLECTED IN SEPTEMBER

TASK 1 – can you conjugate these verbs? Use an online dictionary to help you. See below for guidance on how to use www.leo.org

20 points

	Present	Perfect	Future	Conditional
Avoir				
Etre				
Manger				
Boire				
Faire				
Regarder				
Parler				
Penser				
Aller				
Travailler				

- go to www.conjugation-fr.com

Conjugation **fr**.com

ENTER THE FRENCH VERB OF YOUR CHOICE TO OBTAIN THE CONJUGATION :

faire

Ok

- Put your term in this box e.g. PLAY

Indicative			
<p>Present</p> <p>je fais tu fais il fait nous faisons vous faites ils font</p>	<p>Simple Past</p> <p>je fis tu fis il fit nous fîmes vous fîtes ils firent</p>	<p>Imperfect</p> <p>je faisais tu faisais il faisait nous faisions vous faisiez ils faisaient</p>	<p>Future</p> <p>je ferai tu feras il fera nous ferons vous ferez ils feront</p>
<p>Present Perfect</p> <p>j'ai fait tu as fait il a fait nous avons fait vous avez fait ils ont fait</p>	<p>Past Perfect</p> <p>j'eus fait tu eus fait il eut fait nous eûmes fait vous eûtes fait ils eurent fait</p>	<p>Pluperfect</p> <p>j'avais fait tu avais fait il avait fait nous avions fait vous aviez fait ils avaient fait</p>	<p>Past Future</p> <p>j'aurais fait tu aurais fait il aura fait nous aurons fait vous aurez fait ils auront fait</p>

You will see all the forms in the present and perfect at the top, then other different tenses below.

Task 2 – Vocabulary Brainstorms: Write lots of words and phrases for each of these topics (they are all AS topics as well!)

20 points

La famille

La technologie

Les traditions et les fêtes

Task 3 – Revise connective phrases – how many of these do you know?

10 points

Cependant	
Donc	
Étant donné que	
Néanmoins	
Aussi	
D'autre part	
Car	
Parce que	
Et encore	
A cause de	
En plus	

Have a go at learning these for September. They will be very useful.

10 points

Task 4 – Read an article from a French online publication

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

Here are the websites for some French newspapers:

<https://www.lemonde.fr/>

<https://www.20minutes.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. Remember, you could just pick out a paragraph, but always pick a topic you are interested in because you'll be keen to understand it!

Interesting words/phrases

20 points

Task 5 – Watch the French news (via the internet)

Try to get the gist of what is being said.

You won't understand everyone – don't worry. It's very fast!

Here is a link to choose something to stream. Remember you are just listening for single words/phrases that you recognise! The more you listen, the easier it gets (but it all takes time).

<https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/home/news/intermediate>

Interesting words/phrases

20 points

Task 6 – create a presentation in ENGLISH about an aspect of French culture/life that interests you.

Choose one of the following:

- A film relating to French culture (or at least in French)
- Something about music in the French speaking world
- Aspects of French history (The French Revolution, France in WW2, French colonies etc)
- Fashion in the French speaking world
- The Geography of part of the French speaking world

**30
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nts**

Choose your theme and research it, then plan a presentation to deliver in front of the class on your return. This is not meant to be a test of what you can remember, but an opportunity to show off what you have found out throughout your research. You could just stand and talk, you could give out information, but please make sure you are ready to do this in September.

You should include information about the aspect of culture/life in the French speaking world, and also information about why you chose that topic.

Task 7 – Complete the following ‘diary’ in French for each week of the summer holidays. 30 points

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. Show off your skills and do not worry if you make mistakes. If you resort to an online translator, highlight the work you have translated so we can see what you can do!

	Qu'est-ce ue tu as fait cette semaine ?
Semaine 1	

Semaine 2	
Semaine 3	
Semaine 4	
Semaine 5	
Semaine 6	