



9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear student,

I hope you enjoy your summer holidays and some well-earned fun and relaxation. Over the course of the next few weeks, it is time to start getting ready for your new courses you have chosen at A-level. To help you start the year feeling confident and to give you a valuable head start, I would like you to complete some of the work attached to help you with the transition from GCSE to A-level French. Ideally, you would spend one hour per week on any (but not necessarily all!) of the following tasks.

The folder contains the following resources:

1. French Grammar areas to revise: Use [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) for this
2. Tense recognition
3. Tense revision
4. 8 gapped translations\*\*
5. 100 Higher Tier sentences\*\*
6. Verb diagnosis

\*\*These are longer tasks from which you can choose a selection of tasks or a section to compete.

Answer keys are provided for the majority of the tasks.

Please bring the work you have completed to your first lesson in September. Remember, there is no requirement to do all of them.

In addition or instead of some of the above, I would also like to suggest some further websites to work on reading and listening skills and deepening your grammatical awareness.

Examples of what you could do with some of these websites could include:

- reading or listening to an article and making a list of new vocabulary
- summarizing an article / text in English
- translating a text into English

## **Educational websites**

<https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/> Listening and reading practice of current affairs topics -

## **TV**

<http://www.tf1.fr/> TV - Foreign and French entertainment and dramas

<http://www.france2.fr/> TV - Foreign and French entertainment and dramas

<http://www.france3.fr/> TV - French entertainment, news and children's broadcasts

<http://www.canalplus.fr/> TV - Foreign and French entertainment shows

<http://www.france5.fr/> TV - Documentaries and discussion

<http://www.arte.tv/fr> TV - Culture and arts

## **Radio**

<http://www.radiofrance.fr/> National radio across many stations

<http://www.cheriefm.fr/> Radio - Pop music and entertainment

## **Newspapers and magazines**

<http://www.lemonde.fr/> **Le Monde** Left wing broadsheet

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/> **Le Figaro** Right wing broadsheet

<http://www.liberation.fr/> **Libération** Left wing daily

<http://www.parismatch.com/> **Paris-Match** Celebrity/current affairs mag

On the school website you will find videos from our former students talking about the A-level course – please go to the 6<sup>th</sup> form Open Evening site and you can find videos of Holly and Ruth talking about their experiences of A-level French. Additionally, if you access the Year 9 options evening, you will find two of our former students, Nell and Charlotte, discussing their language learning journeys and experiences of learning French at Lady Lumley's.

I hope this will give you a good head start so that you start your A-level course in French in September feeling tuned in and confident. I look forward to seeing you in September, enjoy the summer!

Best regards

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