

SUBJECT: French

If you are interested in studying this subject at A Level, please see below for a range of things that you can do to help you bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level, and make a flying start when you join us.

A Level Specification that we use	AQA A level French
5 to Read - Recommended Reading	<p>As well as reading as much French as you can, from your own resources or online, you could also read a French book. Most of these listed below can be found on Amazon or Waterstones' websites.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Le Petit Prince (also a film – see below!) – a beautiful philosophical children's book about life and its meaning. An inspirational book and beautifully illustrated. 2. Le Petit Nicolas – short stories aimed at young people, but also enjoyed by adult learners. Very amusing and easy to read. 3. If you're a Harry Potter fan, try reading the first book in French. As you probably know the story well, it's fun to see how French translators work with J.K. Rowling's clever word play. 4. You can find fairytales in French to read here, with optional audio too: https://www.thefablecottage.com/french 5. The Easy French Reader has short stories with comprehension questions to build up your confidence. It also has glossaries of words in the texts and they progressively more challenging.
5 to Watch - Documentaries and Films	<p>Streaming and online sources are a great way to find French films and programmes. Try Netflix, if you have access to it, for several of these films. Youtube is also a good source of French programmes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Little Prince – a fantasy retelling of the famous book; beautifully animated. Available in French with subtitles or dubbed in English.

	<p>2. Amelie – famous French romantic comedy about a girl who seeks to help those around her. Quirky and gorgeous cinematography</p> <p>3. Home – a compelling documentary about our planet and its fragility by Yann Arthus-Bertrand https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=17&v=NNGDj9leAul&feature=emb_logo</p> <p>4. La Vie en Rose – biopic of the legendary singer, Edith Piaf. Full of classic French songs and the story of her extraordinary life.</p> <p>5. Bad Seeds – a comedy drama about a scam artist who ends up working with a group of difficult children and finding redemption.</p>
<p>5 to Browse - Useful Websites for general research</p>	<p>1. Coffee Break French - excellent podcasts to help reinforce your basic French skills. Lots of culture references too: https://radiolingua.com/coffeebreakfrench/</p> <p>2. Fab for grammar practice – build up your confidence in different grammar areas with these online activities. Very easy-to-navigate website: http://frenchgrammartour.com</p> <p>3. Although some of the content requires a subscription, there are also plenty of free resources on https://www.frenchteacher.net - you can do Higher GCSE reading, writing, speaking and listening practice as well as challenging yourself with A level texts.</p> <p>4. An excellent range of listening resources are available here: https://french-revision-with-eileen.constantcontactsites.com As well as traditional listening tasks, there are French songs too.</p> <p>5. If you want to push yourself further with grammar, try this French grammar website: https://bescherelle.com Lots of games and quizzes.</p>
<p>Other Suggestions</p>	<p>Try listening to French radio or try to read online newspaper articles. Even as background music/noise, it's good to listen to the sounds of French.</p> <p>Find a story you are familiar with in English and see if you can find and understand the equivalent article in French.</p> <p>During the A level course (closer to the second year), we study two French novels, No et Moi by Delphine de Vigan and Bonjour Tristesse by Françoise Sagan. The former is a contemporary writer, the second was written in the 1950s. You could research about the two writers, building up a little background before you actually study them for A level.</p> <p>Look over your notes from GCSE French. Many of the topics are revisited in greater detail in Year 12 such as family/friends and technology. Being confident with your vocabulary will be a massive help for next year.</p>