

WHGS Sixth Form

Modern Foreign Languages *French*



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A Level Preparation Pack

Our Exam Board is: AQA

Suggested Reading

As part of your French Language studies, you will cover a wide variety of texts and topics, so it is a good idea to familiarise yourself with as many of these as you can. To help you do this have a look at the list below for some reading and viewing suggestions.

It is a good idea to read through an article or two from newspapers such as:

- Le Monde
- Courrier International
- Libération
- Mon quotidien

This may be difficult at first but focus on what you understand and note what you don't understand.

The speaking exam requires you to research an independent topic of any interest to you. It must have links with French speaking countries.

You could do various background reading on current international issues from the following sites:

- www.rfi.com
- www.fr.yahoo.com



Topics you will study:



■ **Social issues and trends**

- Aspects of target language society
- Multiculturalism in target language society

■ **Political and artistic culture**

- Artistic culture in the target language world
- Aspects of politics in the target language

You will also study:

■ **Film: La Haine - Mathieu Kassovitz**

Suggested transition tasks:

Watch the film online and read critiques on this film in both French and English.

Research characters, quotes and themes of the film. Also read about the director's and the film's background.

■ **Literature: Un Sac de Billes - Joseph Joffo**

Suggested transition material:

Watch the film version of the novel online. It can be found on YouTube.

Research characters and themes within the novel, also research key quotes and why they are so important.

There is a variety of materials available on the Student Share area in Spanish / Year 13.

■ **Grammar**

Access the French AQA Specification and read through the grammar section for what you will be expected to know.

Practise conjugation on <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/french/verb/1>

Revise these topics from your Studio GCSE book and find YouTube clips to help with the more advanced ones.



A Level French Transition Tasks

It is important that you do not neglect your writing skills over the next few weeks.

Attempt these research tasks, which cover the AQA specification you will study. Choose the ones which are of most interest to you.

All answers must be written in your own words in French.

TASK 1: Aspects of the Target Language Country

Fact Finding Mission: Read through a variety of source materials and decide on the most interesting **Top Ten Facts** about France and French speaking countries.

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TASK 2: Life in the capital

Research a capital city in either France or a French speaking country.

Write a short passage on what you could do during a visit to the capital.

TASK 3: Multicultural society

Read through a variety of source materials about France or a French speaking country and make notes on multiculturalism within that country. Include and discuss statistics to evidence your findings.

TASK 4: Youth Culture

Investigate the current situation, in France or a French speaking country, of the following aspects:

■ Music

■ Fashion

■ Social media

TASK 5: Let's Celebrate!

Find out how the main festivals are celebrated in France or a French speaking country.

Make notes in your own words or create a mini brochure to encourage visitors to the country.

TASK 6: Paint Me a Picture

Find out about the main artistic influences in France or a French speaking country. This includes all forms of art, such as sculpture and architecture. Insert pictures to discuss your findings.

TASK 7: It's all Politics!

Write 3 facts each about the main political parties in France or a French speaking country.

Investigate at least 3 different parties with opposing political ideas.

Party Name:

- 1.
- 2.
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