

*Getting ready to start AS French
at The Henley College in September 2020*

Welcome to the French department!

We are delighted you have chosen to study French for AS at The Henley College. The syllabus we follow (EDUQAS) will, with no doubt, interest you. During the upcoming academic year, we will look at family and relationships, education and world of work, cultural heritage in the francophone world, youth culture, etc... Some of those topics should already be familiar to you as they are studied for GCSE. The basis you have in those topics will be primordial to your success at AS level and so will your knowledge of key grammar.

To enable you to prepare as well as possible for the upcoming year, we would like you to do a little work during the next few weeks. Remember that when it comes to languages, practise makes perfect.

TASK 1

So, could you please bring your answers to the following questions to the first lesson in September?

Your answers should be about 40-50 words. Make sure you use the correct tenses and try to use any "WOW" words or expressions you have learned for GCSE (expressions of opinion for example). **PLEASE, DO NOT USE GOOGLE TRANSLATE!** (wordreference is good to look up vocab online). You can be as creative as you want!

1. Est-ce que tu aimes aller au cinéma? Justifie pourquoi ou pourquoi pas
2. Quel est le dernier film que tu as vu ? Dis ce que tu en as pensé
3. Quels sont les avantages de regarder un film à la maison ?
4. Pour toi, qu'est-ce qu'un bon film ?
5. Pourquoi veux-tu étudier le français au Henley College ?

TASK 2

One of the exercises in the AS syllabus is translation! Have a go at these sentences.

1. I usually listen to music when I do my homework
2. Yesterday, I went to a festival and had fun
3. Do you know Stromae? Yes, I really enjoy his style
4. I am worried about the influence of fashion of teenagers
5. What will you do at Christmas? I will go skiing in France

TASK 3

Listening skills are very important when learning a foreign language.

Here is a link to a video and you must listen and complete the text. If you like it, you may want to listen to more videos of the same style to improve your listening skills (1 jour, 1 question).

A quoi ça sert de faire du sport?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb06TyFQ8BQ>

¹ _____, courir, ² _____ jouer au foot, le sport tu en fais tous les jours. Pourtant, s'³ _____ autant c'est fatigant! Et puis, tu pourrais te ⁴ _____.

Certains pensent d'ailleurs que faire du sport ça ne sert à rien.

Alors pourquoi c'est important de faire du sport?

Quand tu bouges, les 600 muscles de ton corps travaillent pour te rendre plus ⁵ _____ et plus ⁶ _____. Bien tenus par les muscles, tes os grandissent au bon endroit et deviennent plus solides. Faire du sport entretient toute la machine du corps: ton ⁷ _____, tes ⁸ _____, ton ⁹ _____ et pour ça, ton corps utilise tes graisses et ton sucre.

Ce n'est pas tout! Tu développes ton ¹⁰ _____ comme attraper une balle ou réussir une roue. Tu apprends à faire des efforts pour ¹¹ _____.

Tu dois aussi ¹² _____ les règles du jeu et les ¹³ _____ - ce n'est pas toujours facile. Et quand tu y arrives tu es content. Ton cerveau fabrique

même une potion du plaisir: l'¹⁴ _____. Elle te fait oublier tes colères et tes chagrins.

Surtout que souvent, le sport se pratique avec des copains ou en famille. Un bon moyen de ¹⁵ _____, de s'aider, de trouver ta place et de te ¹⁶ _____ aux autres sans te ¹⁷ _____.

Le sport, c'est la découverte: sur terre, dans l'eau ou en plein air. Des dizaines d'activités existent où tu rencontreras des gens différents et passionnés.

Les médecins conseillent de faire une heure de sport par jour. Tu es prêt à ¹⁸ _____ le défi?

marcher	disputer	pédaler	partager	agiter	blessé	souple	fort
cerveau	poumon	progresser	cœur	releve	agilité	écouter	
respecter	endorphine	mesurer					

TASK 4

Find the meaning of the following 'idiomatic expressions' :

- Coûter les yeux de la tête : _____
- Mettre son grain de sel : _____
- Faire la grasse matinée : _____
- C'est dommage: _____

(watch the video of BigFlo et Oli 'dommage':
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AF-Sm8d8yk>)

- Avoir le coup de foudre: _____

Find other expressions you can add to this list.

TASK 5 : Consolidation of grammar

- Another key aspect to study A Level French (and any other language) is the knowledge and command of grammar.

Please consolidate your 'basic' tenses such as present, perfect, imperfect and future tenses.

<https://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

For grammar/vocab practice through songs :

<http://platea.pntic.mec.es/cvera/hotpot/chansons/>

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS :

- Quizlet is good for vocabulary practice on various topics.
- We study the film 'Intouchables' in the first year, so you could watch it now and write a film review of it.
- One topic of the topics in AS is 'patrimoine'. You could do some research about the traditions of each region in France (this would make you look at France's geography as well) and you could also find a traditional recipe (cake/meal) and cook it at home !
- Other AS topics are 'music', 'cinema' and also 'fashion' : do some research on famous French singers/actors but also fashion designers and build yourself a 'cultural knowledge' file. It doesn't have to be specific to France but can be on a french-speaking country as well.
- One of the main topics in the second year is the Second World War so it would be useful to be aware of the events of the time, even if you read about it in English to have some background knowledge (this is a topic specific to the Eduqas exam board).
- We also study the book 'No et Moi' by Delphine de Vigan in the second year (there is a film adaptation of it which you could watch as well, if you can find it online).

Enfin, lisez en français aussi souvent que possible, écoutez de la musique française et des podcasts, regardez des films français (you can put English subtitles, but try with French subtitles too !)

Some suggestions of films:

Netflix:

Films: Je vais bien ne t'en fais pas/L'étudiante et Mr Henri/Divines/We are family/Un+Une/L'ascencion (the climb)/Lady J

Series: The Chalet (18)/La Mante/Marseille/Call My Agent!/The Bonfire of Destiny/The Hookup Plan

Arsene Lupin (coming soon it seems)- with Omar Sy!

Amazon Prime:

Films: In safe hands (highly recommend!)/La Famille Bélier/Hold your Breath/Madame Bovary/The House by the sea (about refugees)/ A Season in France (topic of immigration which we cover in AL)/ there are other ones you need to pay extra for such as Samba!

Series: The Bureau

Channel 4 catch up: Resistance (highly recommend this one, it is very good for the second WW topic we'll be doing in AL)/you have quite a lot of French thrillers on there too.

Subscribe to some French-language content on social media. Here are some suggestions:



@le_parisien @comme1francaise @learn_fr @20minutes

@lemondefr @inafr_officiel @gadelmaleh @frenchlanguage

@leszexperts @francaisetvous @apprendretv5 @lpjofficiel

@nrjhitmusiconly @monsieurdream @french_gov @hugotoutseul

@normanfaitdesvideos @afpfr @lequipe @france24_fr @buzzfeedfrance

YouTube

Cyprien

Les Questions Cons

CANAL+

Amnesty France

Comme Une Française

e-penser

France 24

Ina.fr

Jordi et Martin

Le Rire Jaune

Normanfaitdesvideos

Palmashow

Sara'h Officiel

videofranceinter

Squeezie

General websites

Duolingo

Memrise

Quizlet

RMUnify - A-Level French

Linguascope for the basics

Gospeaky

French in Action

BBC Ma France

Podcasts

French for Beginners

Le Journal en français facile

Learn French

Coffee Break French

Learn French with Daily Lessons

News in Slow French

UT: Français interactif

BOOKS AND STATIONERY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

We do not use any set book for AS nor A2 (this might change, you will be updated). However, you will be asked to pay a **£25** fee at the beginning of the academic year to cover the cost of booklets done by the teachers on all the AS topics and grammar.

With each booklet, you will need paper to take notes. You can either choose to have an A4 note book where to keep all your notes or you may prefer an A4 folder with dividers to keep your notes organised per topic.

Homework and graded tasks will all have to be kept in your folder/notebook so that we can see your progress. Being organised is an essential skill.