

French A Level

Summer Preparation Booklet
from GCSE to A-level

The Elizabethan Academy

Congratulations on choosing to study French at A - Level. The best way to prepare yourself is to ensure that you have a firm grasp of the language and skills which you have already used at GCSE. A little bit of work over the summer holidays will make you more confident when you start the course in September and prepare you for a more independent approach to learning.

Welcome to Year 12 French!

Type of course: 2 year linear course (final exams in Yr 13) with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

Link to specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652/specification-at-a-glance>

Content of exams:

Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation from French into English
- based on topics studied in Years 12 and 13

Paper 2 - Essay paper - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film - essays written in French; Translation from English into French

Paper 3 - Speaking - presentation and detailed discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP) and discussion based on a stimulus card on a selection of topics studied in Years 12 and 13

Year 12 topic content:	Year 13 topic content:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• La famille en voie de changement• La ,cyber-société'• Le rôle du bénévolat• Une culture fière de son patrimoine• La musique francophone contemporaine• Cinéma - le septième art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse• Quelle vie pour les marginalisés?• Comment on traite les criminels• Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique• Manifestations, grèves - à qui le pouvoir?• La politique et l'immigration

Film to be studied (Yr 12): 'La Haine'

Book to be studied (Y13): L'étranger by Albert Camus

Additional information:

You will be provided with a copy of the textbook (AQA French A Level Year 1) and a grammar workbook. However, it would be worth buying a Lever Arch file and some plastic wallets and file dividers to help you organise your work.

Four Tasks to complete before September 2020:

1 Grammar

You will need to make some revision notes / postcards / posters on the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular
- Perfect tense (and when to use avoir/être)
- Future tense
- The conditional

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following may also be helpful:

www.languagesonline.org.uk

You will do a grammar audit in early September so that we can see your current strengths and areas to target.

2 www.quizlet.com

You should sign up to Quizlet.com and join the Yr 12 French class (details below) to pre-learn the vocabulary for the first topic of La famille en voie de changement. Start with the subtopic: Grands-parents, parents et enfants - soucis et problèmes

Yr 12 French group: <https://quizlet.com/join/6YTCp9Qw5>

3 Watch a TV series / film in French and write a review.

Find a French language series on **Netflix** to get stuck into.

You can also change your Netflix settings to France and get more language-based content.

On **ALL4** (Channel 4 on demand site/app), the **Walter Presents** section contains a huge number of French language dramas, films, TV series.

4. Create a list of at least 5 French singers / bands you've listened to

On Spotify and / or Youtube you have so much to choose from. Find some French language playlists and get stuck in! Your list should look similar to this:

Date	Singer / Band	Genre	Names of songs	Your opinion