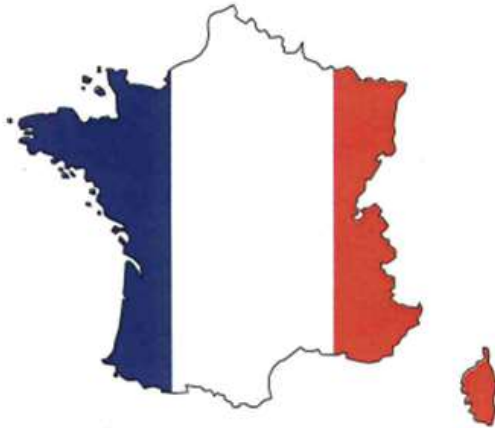


French pre- A level work



Bienvenue! By choosing to study A level French you are opening up a world of opportunity! French is one of the most influential languages in the world it is spoken by over 320 million people and is an official language in 29 countries.

By choosing to learn French, you will improve your language skills but also learn about the culture, society, politics and arts in France and other francophone countries.

It is a big jump from GCSE French to A level, but don't be daunted by this, just get started! Here are a few things you can do that will make this transition easier and fun.

French cinema

Watching French films is a great and fun way to improve your listening skills, your pronunciation and your vocabulary all at once. There are many films available on-line that you can watch. I would watch them once with the subtitles in English, and then again with the subtitles in French.

In Year 12 we will be studying the film ***La Haine* (1995)** as part of your course. You could get ahead now by watching it (available on amazon) with English subtitles.



Other films you could watch include:

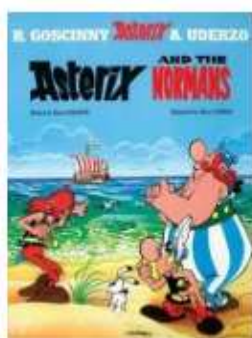
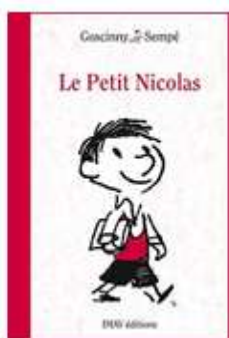
- **Les Choristes (2004)**
- **Intouchables (2011)**
- **Le Dîner des Cons (1998)**
- **La famille Bélier (2014)**
- **Le Petit Nicolas (2009)**



French literature

Reading a range of texts for comprehension questions is something you are used to and which we will build on next year. We also read a book in Year 13, **No et Moi** by **Delphine de Vigan**. You can develop your reading and comprehension skills by reading a book you are already familiar with in French, perhaps Harry Potter or Alice in Wonderland.

You could also read some classic French literature such as **Tintin**, **Asterix** or **Le Petit Prince**. Don't worry about understanding every word you read, you actually don't need to look up everything you don't know, read the text to get the gist and try to select a few words that keep cropping up to look up and learn.



Current affairs

Many of the topics we study require you have to a range of ideas and opinions on social issues, and to be able to research daily lives and customs of French families and people. Reading French newspapers, even if it is just the headlines or an article that interest you is an excellent way to stay informed and to improve your vocabulary.

Le Figaro has it's own website you can read the paper online: <https://www.lefigaro.fr/>

1 jour 1 Actu is a website that talks about the news and interesting questions about society for children. However, the format of short videos in clear, easy to understand French is an excellent tool for learning about French culture, politics and society as well as improving your listening and comprehension skills, and well worth checking out.

<https://www.1jour1actu.com/>

French Music

We study the topic of music in year 12, and you might know some French-speaking artists already. Listening to the radio is another great thing you can do to improve those listening skills! You can even do it whilst you are getting on with something else.

Try Radio France <http://www.radiofrance.fr> or Le mouv <http://www.mouv.fr>

I also love the app/website <https://lingoclip.app/fr> to listen to French songs and challenge yourself to learn the lyrics. Be warned, it challenging so definitely go for the beginner level!

Grammar

Following your GCSE's, you will already be familiar with a lot of the key tenses and grammar rules. However, this will continue to be area of focus at A level.

Use the website <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/> to test yourself and practise the following tenses. Then see if you can fill in the table below in the **je** and **il/elle** forms!

- Present
- Perfect
- Imperfect
- Near future
- Simple future
- Conditional
- Pluperfect
- Conditional perfect

Infinitive	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Near future	Future	Conditional
jouer						
finir						
vendre						
être						
avoir						
aller						
faire						
pouvoir						
devoir						
vouloir						
venir						
partir						