

A Level French at Plymouth High School Yr11 into Yr12 summer transition task:



The most important thing is to listen to, read and watch something French, to find out some more about France and its culture and to (hopefully!) further develop your love of all things French!

A little, often, is best. Start now. 10mins a day (every other day?/as often as you can) will prepare you for September and next year.

1. Your old favourites, just for revision:

www.linguascope.com

Username: plymouth

Password: High2020

Intermediate: role-plays and exercises. The role-plays are good listening practice and you can click on the '?' for a translation.

Linguatrivia: good revision – have a go

Media: access to French tv and radio

www.quizlet.com

www.senecalearning.com

2. TV/Films:

You Tube is a brilliant resource for TV/film clips/songs. Start with Children's TV (Cartoons? Disney films etc – type the translated title into search.)

BBC4 (on Freeview and **iPlayer**) shows foreign series/programmes most Saturday evenings. Keep an eye open for anything French. They always have subtitles.

Any French Films, but the following are classics/good and ought to be available to hire.

Pagnol: Jean de Florette/Manon des Sources etc

Etre et Avoir

Les Choristes

Amélie

La Vie en Rose

Au Revoir les Enfants and many others...

Web site for a French children's news channel: www.lepetitquotidien.fr

You can also follow it on Twitter @petitquotidien

3. Books/ magazines/ song lyrics

Go to the library. Any magazine, simple book etc to get you reading will be good practice. Try anything you are interested in. Even if you mostly look at the pictures you can learn something from Ok! – French version(!), Paris Match etc

Again, the internet is also a fantastic resource. You Tube clips often come with subtitles to read too.

4. **For September:** You should prepare an oral presentation on how you spent the summer holidays. This should be a fairly detailed presentation, focusing on breadth of vocabulary and use of the past tense.

The purpose of these activities is to refresh your French before beginning the A Level course in September, as well as to introduce you to the idea of giving a presentation in a foreign language.

The presentation itself can be read from notes and it is always a bit more interesting for the others if a power point accompanies the presentation. A minimum amount of text should be in the slides, as mistakes detract from the presentation itself. However, if using very difficult words, it might be useful to have the translation on the screen to help the listeners.

Bonnes vacances. A septembre.