



WKGS – Français

Transition work

Welcome to your French A level course!

Over the next few slides, you will find out a little about the course you will be following.

There are a number of tasks that will start you out on some aspects of the course:

Grammar, literature, vocab learning, reading the press, learning about culture and film.

Try every task, and bring your work in in September! Bon courage!

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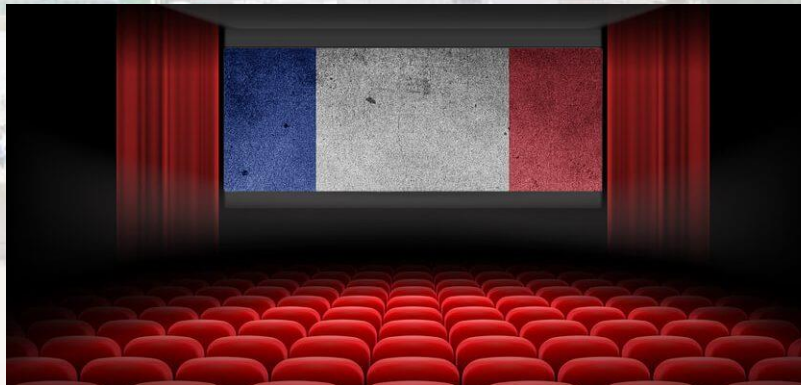


Top 10 des grands classiques de la littérature française

*À l'école,
on apprend bien
le passé simple,
mais rien sur le
futur compliqué !*
Agnès Bihl



« Apprendre une nouvelle langue, ce n'est pas seulement apprendre des mots différents pour désigner les mêmes choses ; c'est aussi apprendre une nouvelle façon de penser à ces choses. »
FLORA LEWIS



The Course

A Level

1 × Listening, Reading,
Translation to English
exam 2hrs (40%)

1 × Speaking on all 4
sub themes and
presentation of
research project
exam 21-23 mins (30%)

1 × Writing on book and
film and translation to
French
exam 2hrs 40 mins (30%)

Changes in French Society

- Family
- Education
- World of Work

Political and Artistic Culture

- Music
- Media
- Festivals and
Traditions

Immigration and Multicultural French Society

- Positive impact of
immigration
- Meeting the challenges
of immigration
- The far right

Occupation and the Resistance during WW2

- Occupied France
- The Vichy Regime
- The Resistance

Research project
On a topic of
your choice

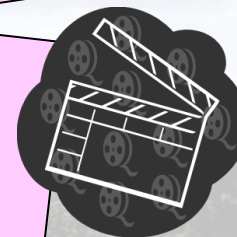
**Book and film from a
list given by Edexcel -**
Un Sac de Billes
Intouchables

Grammar
From list specified
by Edexcel

[You can find Edexcel's Guide to A level French here:](#)



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DO:

La Presse Ecrite

Using one of the links below (or using any other suitable news site), choose 3 news stories that are featured here and/or in the French-speaking world. Translate 6-8 key phrases from each story to give a summary of the event. Write or type out the sentences next to the translations.

Try to do stories from different days in, so that you read frequently.

- www.lesclesjunior.com
- www.lemonde.fr
- www.lefigaro.fr
- www.liberation.fr
- www.lapressedefrance.fr/phosphore.htm
- <http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com/>
- <https://www.20minutes.fr/>
- <https://www.1jour1actu.com/>

Tips :

- ☐ Make your story about France or a French-speaking country.
- ☐ Choose an article that looks a reasonable length to read.
- ☐ Look up any key vocab.
- ☐ Use headlines/pictures to help

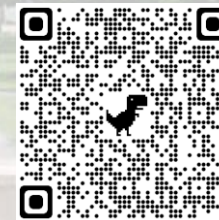
DO:

Vocabulaire

Learning vocabulary will be an important part of the course. Over the summer, you should make a start on the two topics you will do in the first half term – La Famille et La Musique.

You should notice that the vocab includes some more developed language that you will use to discuss the issues and concepts around these topics rather than GCSE level language where you would talk about yourself.

Please use the QR codes to access Quizlets related to the first two topics you will study.



READ:

Un Texte Littéraire

Paris était bloqué, affamé et râlant. Les moineaux se faisaient rares sur les toits, et les égouts se dépeuplaient. On mangeait n'importe quoi.

Comme il se promenait tristement par un clair matin de janvier le long du boulevard extérieur, les mains dans les poches de sa culotte d'uniforme et le ventre vide, M. Morissot, horloger de son état et pantouflard par occasion, s'est arrêté net devant un confrère qu'il a reconnu pour un ami. C'était M. Sauvage, une connaissance du bord de l'eau.

adapté du conte *Deux Amis* de
Guy de Maupassant (1883)

la culotte	breeches
de son état	by trade
par occasion	accidentally

Find in the dictionary :

affamé	
râlant	
un moineau	
un toit	
un égout	
se dépeupler	
un horloger	
un pantouflard	
net	
un confrère	

Reading literature is a part of the course at A level. You will be expected to read a whole novel by the time you get to Y13.

In exams too, you will encounter texts from French Literature, like the one here by Guy de Maupassant.

Try reading it, look up the vocab listed and then have a go at translating it.

Use www.wordreference.com to help NOT Google Translate!

If reading is a hobby for you, you could try reading a novel in French but it will be slow going at first. We recommend starting with something shorter like *Le Petit Prince* or *Le Petit Nicolas* or a novel that you know in English, translated – something like *Harry Potter*.

WATCH:



Le cinéma français

Find a French film you like the look of- try Netflix/Amazon Prime or even YouTube.

Watch the film and, in English, write a review of the film. Include :

Background to the film, such as the year it was made, name of director and main stars.

A brief synopsis of the film.

An explanation of some of the main characters and the main themes.

Your own opinion of the film and why you think what you do.

THIS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWO SIDES OF A4.

Assessment:

This section explains the meaning of each tense

GRAMMAIRE

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	PRESENT	FUTURE	CONDITIONAL	PASSÉ COMPOSÉ	IMPERFECT	PRESENT PARTICIPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
	look(s) is looking do(es) look	will / shall look	would look	did look / looked / have or has looked	used to look / was looking / looked	(while) looking on looking by looking	looked

REGULAR VERBS -ER

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	PRESENT	FUTURE	CONDITIONAL	PASSÉ COMPOSÉ	IMPERFECT	PRESENT PARTICIPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
je / j'	regarde	regarderai	regarderais	ai regardé	regardais	en regardant	regardé
tu	regardes	regarderas	regarderais	as regardé	regardais		
il / elle / on	regarde	regardera	regarderait	a regardé	regardait		
nous	regardons	regarderons	regarderions	avons regardé	regardions		
vous	regardez	regarderez	regarderiez	avez regardé	regardiez		
ils / elles	regardent	regarderont	regarderaient	ont regardé	regardaient		

REGULAR VERBS -IR

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	PRESENT	FUTURE	CONDITIONAL	PASSÉ COMPOSÉ	IMPERFECT	PRESENT PARTICIPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
je / j'	finis	finirai	finirais	ai fini	finissais	en finissant	fini
tu	finis	finiras	finirais	as fini	finissais		
il / elle / on	finit	finira	finirait	a fini	finissait		
nous	finissons	finirons	finirions	avons fini	finissions		
vous	finissez	finirez	finiriez	avez fini	finissiez		
ils / elles	finissent	finiront	finiraient	ont fini	finissaient		

REGULAR VERBS -RE

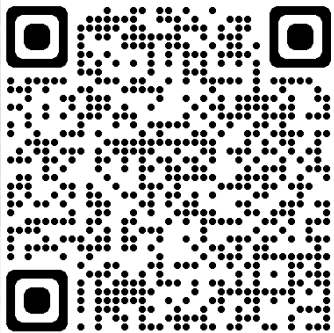
SUBJECT PRONOUNS	PRESENT	FUTURE	CONDITIONAL	PASSÉ COMPOSÉ	IMPERFECT	PRESENT PARTICIPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
je / j'	vends	vendrai	vendrais	ai vendu	vendais	en vendant	vendu
tu	vends	vendras	vendrais	as vendu	vendais		
il / elle / on	vend	vendra	vendrait	a vendu	vendait		
nous	vendons	vendrons	vendrions	avons vendu	vendions		
vous	vendez	vendrez	vendriez	avez vendu	vendiez		
ils / elles	vendent	vendront	vendraient	ont vendu	vendaient		

There will be a significant amount of grammar to learn at A level.

Verb tables will become a weekly feature in your learning so get a headstart by making sure you know the regular endings for -er/-ie/-re verbs for all the tenses here.

You may want to use your own GCSE notes instead of the table here, and that's fine.

Once you have learnt this, try testing yourself here:



ASSESSMENT:

- In September, there will be a verb test on the endings on the previous slide to make sure that you are ready to start your A Level course. Learn the endings well!

