Preparing for A Level French

A list of 5 daily things you can do to practise, improve, prepare (and hopefully feel excited) for next year!

Bonne continuation!

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Quelque
chose à
lire



A brilliant website where you can download a weekly magazine of current affairs, written for young people. There are also short video clips and podcasts on a whole host of topics! https://www.ljourlactu.com/les-actus-a-la-une

Quelque chose à regarder...



This Netflix series, Dix pour cent (Call my Agent) follows the escapades of a group of talent agents working at ASK (Agence Samuel Kerr). You can watch it in French with English subtitles. There are 3 seasons (18 episodes) to enjoy!

3Quelque chose à pratiquer...



Having a secure grasp of grammar will give you a firm grounding for the start of the A Level course. Practise verbs in different tenses using flashcards and use GCSE pod to recap your verb tenses regularly.



Oak National Academy is producing some useful online lessons to help you recap GCSE content:

https://www.thenational.academy/onlineclassroom/year-10/french#subjects



BBC Bitesize has lessons on grammar and a range of topics linked to GCSE and A Level: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr

Education Perfect has a series of online lessons including grammar and topics. Just log in as normal, then go to the French folder, click on 'EP Content' and then 'Skills Practice: Grammar' (and any other section that interests you!)

4 Quelque chose à rechercher



During the A Level course we study a film called *La Haine* (1995), directed by Mathieu Kassovitz. Create a fact file on the film based on independent research online. Here are some key questions to answer:

- Who is the director and why did he make this film?
- Who are the main characters and what can you find out about the actors who play them?
- What was going on in French- and Parisian society in the 1990s? How do you think this influenced the director?
- What is the 'banlieue'?
- The language used in the film is one of its distinctive features. What is 'verlan'?

Be critical of your sources as you research and acknowledge them in your work. Here are some interesting articles to start with: https://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/may/03/la-haine-film-sequel-20-years-on-france
https://www.criterion.com/current/posts/642-la-haine-and-after-arts-politics-and-the-banlieue

5Quelque chose à créer...



Send your work to Miss Haley!

French cuisine features on UNESCO's list of world heritage. We learn all about heritage in the French-speaking world during the A Level course. Make a start by discovering the world of francophone gastronomy, practising your language by making a recipe in French! Here are a couple of websites to get you started:

25 desserts pour les enfants:

https://www.elle.fr/Elle-a-Table/Les-dossiers-de-la-redaction/Dossier-de-la-redac/25-desserts-pour-les-enfants

Recettes du monde de la francophonie : https://francophonie.or.kr/2020/03/12/recette s-du-monde-de-la-francophonie/

Send pictures of your creations and recipes to Miss Haley