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Bonjour! You have expressed an interest in continuing to study French at A level next year at King Edward VI School, Lichfield - welcome!



As you will not have been in school since March due to the coronavirus lockdown, we'd like to help you to keep your language going over the next few months so that you can make a good start to your A Level French course in September.

So, we'd like you to complete some short worksheets covering a range of aspects of grammar but in particular, verbs and tenses. On the second page of this letter there are also some suggestions for revising vocabulary as well as some fun tasks! These will give you a great foundation for all aspects of the AQA A Level French course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652>

We ask for worksheet answers to be handed in by the end of the 2nd week back in September so that we can identify areas which we need to work on more in class so **do not worry** if you find some of them difficult! You can:

- i) enable editing for each worksheet, type your answers on it, save and send to me on email anytime from now onwards. No need to wait until you've done all of them – fine to send them in bits.
- ii) print off the worksheets and write your answers on by hand.
- iii) write your answers on A4, labelling each section with the title of the worksheet .

All the other activities are optional.

Worksheets – from Kerboodle*

Log onto Kerboodle* and go to the AQA French GCSE course. Click on the Resources tab and find the **worksheets** listed below. The first number is the unit so 5.1H = unit 5 higher worksheet. Most are higher but a few are foundation just to revise some basics.

*If you don't have Kerboodle or would rather me just send you the electronic files, please email me on jbriden@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk and I can send them to you.

Each sheet starts with an explanation of the grammar point but if you would like more, you could:

- use Kerboodle: the Grammaire section of the text book has longer explanations + there are interactive exercises in the Resources tab which will help you to practice and give you immediate feedback.
- look at www.wordreference.com – it's a good dictionary and verb conjugator.

Remember, these are not tests and we are not expecting perfect answers – they are to help us see which areas we need to work on in the first stage of the A Level course. You can do them in any order and if you are happy with the grammar, you don't need to do all the exercises on the sheet.

1.1F Adjective agreements

1.1H Direct object pronouns

1.2H Future tense

2.1F Present tense of irregular verbs

2.1H Present tense of regular –ir and –re verbs

2.2H Present tense of common irregular verbs

3.2H Demonstrative pronouns

4.1F Reflexive verbs in the perfect tense

4.2F Deciding between the perfect and imperfect tenses

4.2H Imperfect tense

5.1H Conditional of regular verbs

6.2H Negative constructions

7.1H Recognising and using the pluperfect tense

8.1H Using the perfect and imperfect tenses together

9.1H Perfect tense of irregular verbs

10.1H Time phrases

11.1H 2 verb structures

11.1H Using quand clauses with the future tense

12.1H Avoiding the passive



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Optional 😊

Vocabulary

The worksheets above have been taken from all 12 units of the AQA GCSE course so that they revise vocabulary as well as grammar. You can also practice the GCSE vocab on **Zut**: free out of school hours <http://www.zut.org.uk/index.html>

Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmf> and **Memrise**: it's free to create an account <https://www.memrise.com/>

Films / TV

You could watch French films or TV eg. TV5 Monde. Have a look at a summary of these films to see which one(s) interest you: Un air de famille, Mauvaises herbes, C'est quoi cette famille?, Comme une image, Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain, Les Choristes, Paris est à nous, Arès, L'ascension. Or your favourite film in French!

Music

You might already know some French-speaking musicians. If not look at what is currently popular:

<https://lescharts.com/> or try these: Sur ma route – Black M https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Z_bZS8t3M;

Ça ira – Joyce Jonathan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxWLybPwBzs>; Désabonné – RIDSA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i8XyS9zWFA>. You could also try: <https://lyricstraining.com/fr/>

General knowledge

Research more about France and French-speaking culture but link it to an area of your choice eg. if you really like science, research a French-speaking scientist. Remember that French is not just spoken in France but also in Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg ... and not just in Europe but in Canada and parts of Africa. In fact it is spoken on every continent!

- Geography of a French-speaking country eg. the Alps, the sea-side, a city, the Massif Central, rivers
- History of a French-speaking country
- Science – a French-speaking scientist / mathematician, CERN, scientific / medical discoveries made by French-speaking scientists; European Space Agency (based in France)
- Space – try the 10 missions by the Cité de l'Espace: <https://www.cite-espace.com/astronaute-chez-soi/>
- Music – a French-speaking musician eg. RIDSA, Black M, Mylene Farmer
- Sport – a French-speaking sports person or a particular sport
- French language – do interactive tasks on Kerboodle, try Duolingo, Memrise, Cram, Quizlet, Zut, Bitesize.
- Theme parks – Disneyland Paris, Parc Astérix, Futuroscope, Puy du fou
- Food & drink – French cheeses / wines, food typical for different regions
- Fashion – a French-speaking fashion designer eg. Louis Vuitton, Coco Chanel
- Art – a French-speaking artist eg. Renoir, Monet, Manet
- Business – a French-speaking company eg. cars (Renault, Peugeot, Citroën)
- Literature – a French-speaking poet, author or philosopher
- Cinema – find out who the Lumière brothers were; what was the film genre 'la nouvelle vague'?

If you have any questions about this or the course in general, you are welcome to get in touch with me via the email address below as well as using this for sending me work. Otherwise we look forward to welcoming you (back) in September so until then, take care and use your time well.

Yours faithfully,

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