



## French Transition Work – September 2023

Welcome to A- level French! We are delighted that you intend to study French to A-level and we very much look forward to working with you in Year 12. Over the next few weeks, ensure you are confident with GCSE vocabulary and grammar by accessing the links below. You can also access the wealth of GCSE tasks and past papers in Google Classrooms. The following tasks aim to consolidate but also to challenge you, as you make the transition from GCSE to A Level. Try to immerse yourself in as much French as you can over the coming weeks. Practise your French regularly and remember little and often is the key. If you are unsure about any of the tasks below, please email me at [jsennitt-woods@stmacademy.org.uk](mailto:jsennitt-woods@stmacademy.org.uk).

1. Choose an aspect of French culture you are interested in and present it in French in Powerpoint form. You can choose any aspect of food, music, history, architecture, film, literature you like. Make it as creative as you like! (Complete up to 8 slides)

2. Grammar Focus

To consolidate learning at GCSE grammar, please work your way through the tasks on these websites:

Languages online

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html>

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhh2gwx>

3. Vocabulary

You must be confident with GCSE vocabulary so please ensure you have completed the GCSE vocabulary on Memrise.

Start a post-GCSE French vocab book. Add words you have not previously come across and learn them. Skim read, write down and learn what you think are the most important ones. Start with those which appear most often.

Start to learn some A level vocabulary on Memrise. Please contact me at [jsennitt-woods@stmacademy.org.uk](mailto:jsennitt-woods@stmacademy.org.uk) for the link if you haven't accessed it already.

4. Follow the link to the website for UNESCO (<https://whc.unesco.org/fr/etatsparties/fr/>) and choose four sites to research in French/English. The sites do not have to be in France, you can choose any francophone country, i.e. Canada, Senegal etc. Present your findings in word – 50 words each MAX.

## 5. News

Try to watch/read at least 3 news stories each week. Make a note of any key vocabulary. You could try these news websites:

<https://monquotidien.playbacpresse.fr/>

<https://savoirs.rfi.fr/en/apprendre-enseigner>

<https://newsinfrench.org>

(You will receive a daily email with news and the lyrics of a French song)

## 6. Websites: Fun Extras!

<https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/intermediate-french/slow-french> quizzes, grammar and expressions as well as news!

<https://lyricstraining.com/fr/> Learn songs in French – useful for our topic on music too!

<https://parlons-francais.tv5monde.com/webdocumentaires-pour-apprendre-le-francais/p-1-lg0-Accueil.htm> A range of activities for learning French

<https://bibliothequenumerique.tv5monde.com/> Digital library focussed on literature

7. If you have Netflix or Amazon Prime you might like to watch French series or films.

# NETFLIX

**The African Doctor**  
(Comedy, rated ALL)

**He Even Has Your Eyes**  
(Comedy, rated GUIDANCE)

**10 Jours En Or**  
(Comedy, rated ALL)

**Chef's Table, France**  
(Food + Travel show, rated PG)

**Nailed it, France**  
(Cooking documentary, rated PG)

**A Mighty Team**  
(Comedy, rated GUIDANCE)

**I Lost My Body**  
(Animated film, Drama, rated 12)

**Wakfu**  
(Animated TV show, rated 12)

**Journey to Greenland**  
(Comedy, rated 12)

Our favourites...

**Lupin**

**Dix pour cent (Call my agent)**

**The Parisian Agency**

**Les Misérables**

## 8. Film

The following films are on the AQA specification. Watch the trailers listed below from the AQA specification and write 3-4 sentences on each film using French you know to give your first impressions. Would you like to watch the whole film and why?

- Les 400 coups François Truffaut (1959)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvTsT6AoG6s>

- Au revoir les enfants Louis Malle (1987)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIaTVS7iQQk>

- La Haine Mathieu Kassovitz (1995)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Hs6GwQPAQE&has\\_verified=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Hs6GwQPAQE&has_verified=1)

- L'auberge espagnole Cédric Klapisch (2002)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWQMMPy5oI4>

- Un long dimanche de fiançailles Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUhGYkrulbs>

- Entre les murs Laurent Cantet (2008)

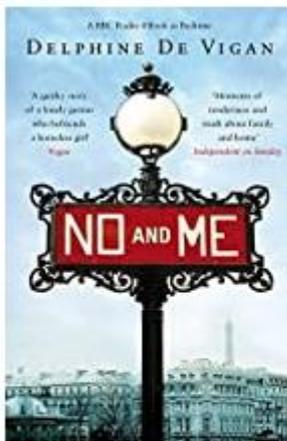
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfmKiH3ZuMM>

The film we will be studying is Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles



## 9. Literature

You will be studying the book No et Moi by Delphine de Vigan. You can buy a copy online from Amazon in various formats. (You will receive the French version by email. Please ask Mme Trabichet to send you a copy.)



## No and Me

by Delphine de Vigan | 2 Aug 2010

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Best wishes, Mrs Sennitt-Woods (Assistant Curriculum leader of MFL: French)