





This booklet is to help you prepare for September when you start your two-year French A-level course.

First of all, here is a link to the **course specification**:

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

Below are the **content of exams** (that you will take at the end of the course in 2026) and the **course content** (the topics you will study over the next two years).

### **Content of exams:**

- **Paper 1** - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation (Fr to Eng and Eng to Fr)
  - based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
  - 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
- **Paper 2** - Essay paper – written in French
  - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
  - 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
  - Film to be studied 'La Haine'
  - Book to be studied 'L'Etranger', Albert Camus

free pdf ebook available here:

<https://www.anthropomada.com/bibliotheque/CAMUS-Letranger.pdf>
- **Paper 3** – Speaking
  - Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
  - Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
  - Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

## Year 12 topic content – Starting September 2024:

- La famille en voie de changement – Changing trends regarding family
- La cyber-société – Cybersociety
- Le rôle du bénévolat – the role of volunteering
- Le patrimoine - Heritage
- La musique francophone contemporaine – Contemporary French music
- Le septième art - the Seventh Art (cinema)



## Year 13 topic content – Starting September 2025:

- Les ados, le droit de vote et l'engagement politique – Young people, the right to vote and political interest
- Manifestations, grèves – à qui le pouvoir ? – Protests, strikes – who has the power ?
- La politique et l'immigration – Politics and Immigration
- Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse – Positive aspects of a diverse society
- Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ? – The life of marginalised people
- Comment on traite les criminels – How criminals are treated



Up to GCSE level, French is a skill-based subject. This means that rather than content, you have been learning how to understand written and spoken French, and how to communicate in written and spoken French.

**At A-Level, you are using the skills you have acquired during GCSE to study the topics above and to widen your cultural awareness of the Francophone society.**

Before September, we would like you to **keep working** on your French and to ensure you **consolidate** your knowledge of **grammar**.





**In order to work on your READING skills, you can use the following resources:**

**1jour1actu** provides brilliant resources for both reading and listening. Pick one of these suggested articles and read it through trying to understand the gist. You will not understand every single word and that is normal.

**Write a short summary (50-70 words) of the articles. Summarising is a new skill at A-Level so it would be useful to start getting your head around it.**

**Write the summaries in your simple GCSE vocabulary so it is written in your own words rather than copied from the articles. It would be useful to make a list of new vocabulary that you come across and save it in your French folder.**

Links to articles that you should read which are linked to Year 12 subject content:

[Famille \(Changing trends in family settings\)](#)

[Technologie \(Technology : spending a day without your phone\)](#)

[Bénévolat \(Diversity and disabilities : how to support and understand people\)](#)

[Patrimoine \(Heritage : Notre-Dame-de-Paris is burning !\)](#)

[Musique \(Music : what do you listen to? Make notes on French-speaking artists and listen to them 😊\)](#)

[Cinéma \(Cinema : Children's films\)](#)



**In order to work on your LISTENING skills, you can use the following resources:**

# If you are subscribed to **Netflix** and/or **Amazon Prime**, here are links to lists of French-speaking films you will be able to watch on these platforms.

**Type 'French' in the search bar and you will find a lot of different films and TV series.**  
*You can then add English or French subtitles depending on how you want to challenge yourself.*

**Ultimate list of French films on Netflix:** <https://blog.busuu.com/french-movies-on-netflix/>

**Ultimate list of French films on Amazon Prime:** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Movies-French-Prime-Video/s?rh=n%3A3046737031%2Cp\\_n\\_feature\\_four\\_browse-bin%3A4221687031](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Movies-French-Prime-Video/s?rh=n%3A3046737031%2Cp_n_feature_four_browse-bin%3A4221687031)

# You can watch videos from [1jour1actu](https://www.1jour1actu.com/) – simple vocabulary, all sorts of topics related to current events (you have seen similar clips in lessons)

**Make a list of new words/structures you come across and use the transcript below to help you with understanding the video.**

*You can also find the videos on YouTube and slow the speed down.*

[Bénévolat \(C'est quoi la solidarité\)](#)

[Technologie \(Comment les nouvelles technologies aident les personnes handicapées ?\)](#)

[Cinéma \(Qui a inventé le cinéma ?\)](#)

[Politique \(C'est quoi les partis extrêmes en politique ?\)](#)

[Immigration \(C'est qui les immigrés en France ?\)](#)

[La peine de mort \(Pourquoi la peine de mort n'existe pas en France ?\)](#)

# **Brut** – more complex and some longer videos but usually with French subtitles to support you

[Immigration](#)

[Diversité](#)

[Musique](#)

[Cinéma](#)

# Discover French music on **Spotify**:

<https://open.spotify.com/search/musique%20francaise>

# Find a French song/band/artist you like and complete the gap-fills until you can complete 'advanced' (or even 'expert'?!). **<https://lyricstraining.com/fr/>**

# News and current affairs

Please educate yourself on what's going in the world!

(This is a big part of the course, especially in Year 13.)

- **News in Slow French:** <https://open.spotify.com/show/3sbOvAVL6lldMjop1r4i1G>
- <https://www.1jour1actu.com/> **watch at least one episode of news every week, making a note of ANYTHING you understand and ignoring what you don't for now.**
- Start following at least 3 different French language news outlets on social media or download the apps on your phone. (Just be mindful that for some of them, you might have to pay to read articles. France Info is free)  
Aim to find some each from a range of French-speaking countries, or even a selection from each continent.



# Research work to be completed for September (1<sup>st</sup> lesson back with Miss Brousse)

## Les personnes importantes

Pourquoi ces personnes sont-elles connues ? What are these people famous for ?



Charles de Gaulle



Napoléon  
Bonaparte



Marie Curie



Coco Chanel



Louis Pasteur



Jeanne d'Arc



Jean Marie et  
Marine Le Pen



Albert Camus



Molière

# La politique française

1. Qui est le président de la France ?

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2. Il a été élu quand ?

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3. Il représente quel parti politique ?

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**Research the different political parties, their ideas, leaders etc.**

<b>En Marche !</b>	
<b>Le Rassemblement National</b>	
<b>La France Insoumise</b>	
<b>Les Républicains</b>	



Log on to Language Nut and complete the transition tasks assigned to you – due on the first day back in September

## Fact sheet about France:

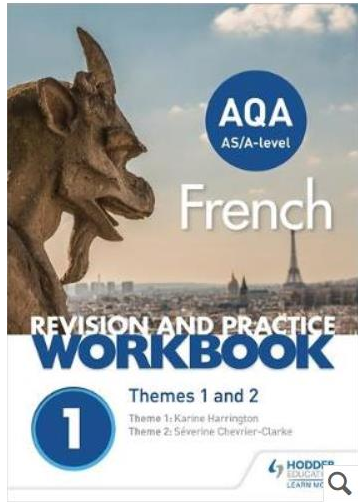
Make a list of interesting facts (in English or in French) about France or any French-speaking country, ready to share with the class in September.

*This could include popular food and drinks, celebrities, Geography, History, Music or Cinema.*

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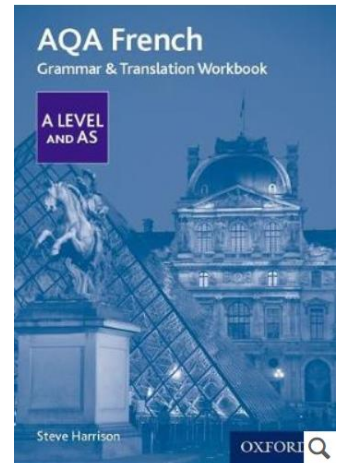
## Suggested Purchases:

### **AQA A-level French Revision and Practice Workbook: Themes 1 and 2 (Revision & Practice Workbook 1)**



Available on Amazon for £8.99

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/level-French-Revision-Practice-Workbook/dp/1510417737>



### **AQA A Level French: Grammar & Translation Workbook Paperback**

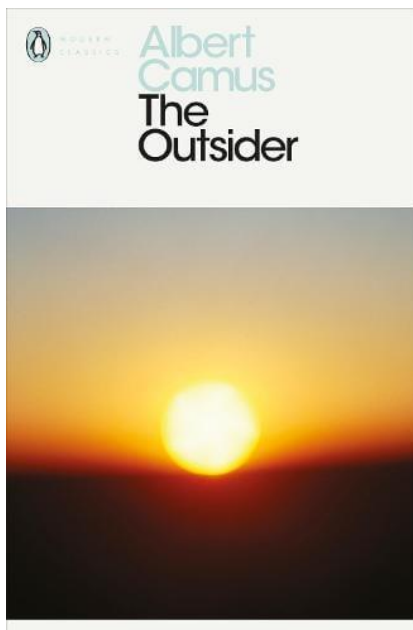
Available on Amazon for £7.99

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-Level-French-Translation-Workbook/dp/0198415532/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527182094&sr=8-1&keywords=french+grammar+a-level](https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-Level-French-Translation-Workbook/dp/0198415532/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527182094&sr=8-1&keywords=french+grammar+a-level)

### **The Outsider - Penguin Modern Classics (Paperback)**

Albert Camus (author)

**£8.99**



<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-outsider/albert-camus/sandra-smith/9780141198064>