

Summer work for French



There are three areas we would like you to work on over the summer break:

1. **Grammar – present tense**

You need to learn all forms of regular, irregular and modal or auxiliary verbs in the present tense in your French. Over the holidays learn the verbs we have listed for you. **Help sheets are available on the website, as a short test on present tense verbs will be given at enrolment to students who have achieved a B in their chosen language at GCSE level.** The results of the test will help in determining your suitability for language courses. *However, students who have an A or A* in the language at GCSE will **not** be required to sit this test.*

2. **Opinion phrases**

We have included a list of useful expressions for you to learn so that you can give your opinion on the topics we are going to study at A level. Learn as many as you can, and use the list in September too!

3. **Questions**

Here is a short list of questions to prepare on the subject of the Internet, which we were working on at Wyke Start. Use words and ideas you learnt at Wyke Start, but use the internet too (but not google translate!) to find ideas and new vocabulary which will make your answers more interesting. **Bring your answers to the first lesson in September.**

1. **Comment servez-vous d'Internet ?**
2. **Selon vous, quels sont les bienfaits d'Internet pour les jeunes ?**
3. **En général, est-ce qu'Internet a amélioré la vie ?**
4. **Est-ce que les jeunes passent trop de temps sur leur portable ?**
5. **A votre avis, quels sont les aspects négatifs d'Internet ?**

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The two key elements you need to master a language are
GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY.

Your summer tasks are to learn the following vocabulary and verb forms as well as improving your grammatical knowledge using the suggested websites.

1. Vocabulary - giving your opinion in discussions:

Quant à moi	In my opinion
D'après moi	In my opinion
Selon moi	In my opinion
A mon avis	In my opinion
Pour ma part	In my opinion
Je suis contre...	I am against...
Je suis pour...	I am for...
J'ai l'impression que	I have the feeling that
J'estime que	I think that

Je trouve que	I think that
Je ne suis pas d'accord	I don't agree
Je ne partage pas votre opinion	I don't agree
Vous avez raison/ tort	You're right/ wrong
ça dépend de	It depends on
C'est peut-être le cas	That may be so
Bien sûr	Of course
pourtant	however
En effet	In fact
alors	well
donc	So, therefore

2. Grammar

You need to know verbs in all the most frequently used tenses for A level. We will go over all of them in the first year, but you should learn at least the basics of the present tense verbs before you start. The test at enrolment will be based on the following help sheet:

Help Sheet for French: Present tense verbs

Regular verbs:

-ER Verbs	-RE Verbs	-IR Verbs
jouer	attendre	finir
jou	attend	fin
je joue	j'attends	je finis
tu joues	tu attends	tu finis
il joue	il attend	il finit
nous jouons	nous attendons	nous finissons
vous jouez	vous attendez	vous finissez
ils jouent	ils attendent	ils finissent

Common irregular verbs:

aller	avoir	être
je vais	j'ai	je suis
tu vas	tu as	tu es
il va	il a	il est
nous allons	nous avons	nous sommes
vous allez	vous avez	vous êtes

ils vont	ils ont	ils sont
faire je fais tu fais il fait nous faisons vous faites ils font	devoir je dois tu dois il doit nous devons vous devez ils doivent	pouvoir je peux tu peux il peut nous pouvons vous pouvez ils peuvent
vouloir je veux tu veux il veut nous voulons vous voulez ils veulent		

In addition to this you should use www.languagesonline.org.uk , an interactive self-marking website, to practise these verbs in the **present**, **future** and **perfect** tenses.

Bon courage et Bonnes vacances!!

