

# Year 11

## Transition tasks - Summer 2021 (French)

 <p><b>Complete</b> <u>this booklet</u> of Listening &amp; reading activities</p>	 <p><b>Listen</b> to some news in French. There are lots of radio stations available on the internet but in this podcast, the key news stories each week are spoken a little slower and there are comprehension activities to help you understand and learn more: <a href="https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/">https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/</a></p>	 <p><b>Read</b> an article from the website, 1jour1actu. Search for a topic that interests you. There are also little videos to watch on the website as well. <a href="https://www.1jour1actu.com/">https://www.1jour1actu.com/</a></p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> the first episode of Extra in French. If you enjoy it, there are 13 episodes in total and all are available on Youtube. <a href="https://youtu.be/EaNq4FXh-s">https://youtu.be/EaNq4FXh-s</a></p>	 <p><b>Complete</b> a review of your French grammar knowledge. Here is a <u>website</u> with lots of grammar explanations and also some exercises to do.  You could also use <u>BBC Bitesize</u> or the <u>Oak National Academy</u> for more practice of your GCSE grammar/vocab</p>
 <p><b>Listen</b> to some French songs. A good place to find songs (and language activities) is <u>lyricstraining</u> but you can also find francophone singers by simply searching on <u>Google</u>.</p>	 <p><b>Read this text</b> about <i>La francophonie</i> and complete the exercises at the bottom of the sheet. You could also research a francophone country (other than France)</p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk which presents a compelling argument for why you should bother to learn a new language.  <u>4 reasons to learn a new language</u> <i>TED Talks – John McWhorter</i></p>	 <p><b>Complete</b> this interactive exercise on <u>Kerboodle</u>. If you used Kerboodle for any GCSE subject, your login will still work. You will also be able to access other sections of the old A level textbook if you would like to.</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> a short story in French. Here is <u>a link</u> to a pdf book of short stories and there are some comprehension questions as well.</p>
 <p><b>Watch</b> a French film or TV series; there are lots available on Amazon prime or Netflix and Channel 4 also shows foreign language TV series. Here's <u>a list of film and TV programme</u> suggestions and a link to Channel 4's '<u>Walter Presents</u>'</p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.  <u>Go ahead, make up new words!</u> <i>TED Talks – Erin McKean</i></p>	 <p><b>Read</b> an article from a French newspaper or magazine. Although you normally have to pay a subscription to read full articles, you can often read the beginning of articles.  <a href="http://www.liberation.fr">www.liberation.fr</a> <a href="https://www.20minutes.fr/">https://www.20minutes.fr/</a></p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk which explores how we can communicate effectively in non-verbal ways, using pictures and 'maps' to represent meaning.  <u>A word game to communicate in any language</u> <i>TED Talks – Ajit Narayanan</i></p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk about the benefits of bilingualism.  <u>The benefits of a bilingual brain</u> <i>TED Talks- Mia Nacamulli</i></p>

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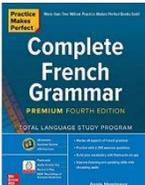
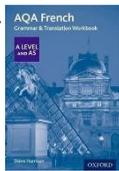
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### READING SUGGESTIONS:

**French Novels:** If you are up for the challenge, here are some French novels you might like to try reading. Sometimes reading a dual language edition is a good idea. Don't worry if you don't understand everything you read.

<p>No et Moi <i>Delphine de Vigan</i></p> 	<p>Les petites Reines <i>Clémentine Beauvais</i></p> 	<p>Le petit Nicholas <i>Sempé Goscinny</i></p> 	<p>Le petit Prince <i>Antoine de St-Exupéry</i></p> 
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**Grammar/Vocabulary books:** If you want to improve your French grammar knowledge or get a head start on A level vocabulary, here are some suggestions:

<p>Mot à mot (6th Edition) <i>Paul Humberstone</i></p> 	<p>Complete French Grammar <i>Anne Heminway</i></p> 	<p>AQA French Grammar &amp; translation work book <i>Steve Harrison</i></p> 	<p>501 French Verbs <i>Christopher Kendris</i></p> 
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**Newspapers/magazines/Twitter:** There are also numerous magazines and newspapers that you might like to look at, as well as people and organisations to follow on twitter. [Click here](#) to look at a list of some of them.

**French culture/history:** Perhaps you'd like to read something in English about France. [Click here](#) for some suggestions that might be of interest or, alternative, Google will provide more ideas.

As well as the above, I would also suggest making sure you have thoroughly revised everything from your GCSE course, especially grammar.

If you have any questions about the course or any of this transition work, please contact Mrs Phillips ([cm.phillips@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:cm.phillips@roundwoodpark.co.uk))