

USE IT, DON'T LOSE IT!



You're not just studying for an A-Level - you're exploring a different culture!
Do something new in French this summer!

Arrive in September with a diary in French, don't write in it every day, 2 or 3 times a week is plenty and don't leave it till the day before school starts, which would defeat the purpose of it all!

You will also have a 5 minutes presentation to do in French about something special you did! This will be our first lesson!

10 minutes worth for each student on that presentation!

How to keep your French going?

1. Buy a French newspaper or magazine - and maybe an ice cream - and head to the beach or your garden for a summer afternoon of reading.
2. Grab an Orangina and browse for new French bands on Myspace. Or get a free account from **Spotify.com** and discover something more mainstream. You could use the bestseller lists on **amazon.fr** or **fnac.com** to get you started.
3. Follow the Tour de France. It starts on 01-07-2023 and runs until the end of July. Website: **letour.fr**
4. Find a French poem and develop your French accent by learning it by heart. Can you translate it? Website: **poesie.webnet.fr**
5. Send Mrs Barats and Mrs Jahangir a postcard in French (+ school address).
6. Take a day trip to Paris on Eurostar - youth fares cost about £110 return if you book in advance. Go for a few days even that is if we can go abroad by then of course! Look at Youth hostels! Go with friends!
7. Be inspired by French landscapes at the National Gallery's Corot to Monet exhibition. Websites: **nationalgallery.org.uk** and **fondation-monet.fr** (for some background reading).
8. Set up a Twitter account (**twitter.com**) and start tweeting in French. Find interesting French people to follow.

9. Explore French film. There's a great programme of films and talks at the Institut Français in Kensington (institut-francais.org.uk). BBC 4 also has French films. French films are usually on BBC4 on Sunday nights, sometimes film 4 also has French films, they are all quite late, record them!) Keep an eye on Channel 4, All 4 and Walter presents, you can see full series such as Spin, Résistance, The Returned, The Hunter, Reborn, Mafiosa, The Passenger, Kabul Kitchen, No Limit, Tony's Revenge and Match Day. These are all in French but there might be more available! Netflix also now has a lot of French films/series.
10. Load some French music onto your iPod and head for the gym. Good workout tunes include Kate Ryan (commercial dance), Vive la Fête (Belgian electro) and Magic System (Afro-pop from the Ivory Coast), Zaz, Gaetan Roussel and others! Check the French chart!
11. Keep up with current affairs in France. Mon JT Quotidien (monjtquotidien.com) is meant for kids, but it's straight to the point and easy to follow. Try Libération (liberation.fr) for something a bit more grown up. Register with 1 jour 1 actualité and read one article a day, watch a video a week!
12. TV5.org is also very good, but also available on Sky 799, the news are at 7.30pm.
13. 7 jours sur la planète, every Saturday morning, you will find a new set of video clips and worksheets. Go on their Website! Download the app!
14. Download apps for TV5, 7 jours sur la planète or for advanced French vocabulary acquisition. You can have France Inter (radio). Become an App critic, select the best one(s) and we can advertise them in school (as long as it does not cost you a penny!).
15. Use all your social media but in French!
16. If you have been on an exchange, keep in touch with your penpal, Skype them or even better go and see them.
17. Change your phone/tablet settings to French! If you go to the gym, do the same on the machines!
18. Use the LanguageGym to keep your grammar going, we will set up an A level group after the Induction day.

Ideally you should do at least 10 minutes of French a day!