

# SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

	<b><u>MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES - French</u></b>	
	<b>Qualification Level</b>	A-Level
	<b>Exam Board/ Syllabus</b>	Edexcel
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A-Level Year 1 study will begin with a taster of some of the topic areas of you will study across the 2 years.. Many year 12s feel that the start of their AS year is hard if they hadn't looked at anything to help them with French since finishing their GCSE. To help to prepare for your studies we recommend the following:

- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) (Choose 'Français' on the language list!) This website has a large **grammar** section, which we recommend you work through, particularly the exercises for tenses. A good understanding of the tenses will give you a good, confident start to your AS course. The site also has an AS section with reading comprehensions on some of the topic areas you will study during the course of the year. You may find some of the exercises difficult at first. It is a good idea to have a vocabulary book and make a note of words that you looked up or think will be useful. It's also a good idea to get into the habit of writing the different genders in a different colour.
- Whatever you enjoy in your spare time will also be enjoyed in France! Young people listen to music, play sports, watch films, YouTube and use social networks. Why not mark some French things as favourites on your page to have some French information appear for you to practise little and often? Look at blogs/ vlogs in French instead of English. YouTube also has some fantastic explanation videos and songs to help with all sorts of grammar points and they are often much more interesting than a grammar book!
- Watch a film in French or TV series – there are French language films on Netflix or Amazon prime if you have subscriptions.

## **Transition tasks:**

Please complete the following tasks and bring them back to your class teachers:

- 1) Keep a diary once a week about what has transpired that week in French. (See the journal writing help sheet below) During this lockdown period, you may have to be very imaginative! Aim for 150 words approx for each week.
- 2) Complete the [grammar booklet](#) to revise, consolidate your knowledge of grammar, tenses and sentence structures. Do 1 page each week which will help make a really good start to A-Level Year 1 study. This is a PDF document, so please write out your own answer on a separate document & return.

## Journal Writing!

Want to write a diary entry in French? Here are some words and phrases to get you started!

### Beginning:

Quelques lignes pour te dire mes nouvelles : A few lines to tell you about my news...

Aujourd'hui a bien commencé mais mal fin: Today started well but ended badly.

Mon cher journal intime: Dear Diary

Bon...: Well... Quelque chose est arrivé: something happened

Using "Venir de + infinitive" – to just have done something...

Je viens de..... : I just...

Je viens de rentrer chez moi: I just returned home

Je viens d'avoir de bonnes nouvelles: I just had great news

Je viens d'avoir de mauvaises nouvelles: I just had bad news Je suis tres triste parce que je viens d'apprendre que...: I'm very sad because I just learned that...

Mes parents viennent de me dire que.....: My parents just told me that...

Happy: Je suis ravi(e): I am delighted

Je suis baba: I am flabbergasted/astounded

Je suis aux anges: I'm over the moon/beside myself

C'est: It is

C'était: It was

Ce sera: It will be

Ce serait: It would be

Génial, chouette: great, neat Sensass: wicked, awesome Formidable: terrific

Le meilleur jamais: the best ever Incroyable: Incredible loubliable: Unforgettable

Je suis surexité(e)/enthousiaste: I'm excited

Il me tarde de/ d' + inf : I'm looking forward to (Il me tarde d'aller au concert en été)

Useful fillers:

Il y a - There is/ are

Il y avait - There was/were

Il y aura - There will be

Il y aurait - There would be

Je me demande: I wonder

Tout s'est bien passé... Everything is going well

Je l'attends avec impatience: I can't wait

Je ne vois pas le temps passer: The time flies

J'ai du mal y à croire! I can hardly believe it!

Sad: Je viens de fondre en larmes: I just burst into tears

J'ai fondu en larmes: I burst into tears

Je suis triste/ déçu(e): I'm sad/disappointed

Quelle deception! What a disappointment! Je me sens si blessé(e) I feel so hurt Ce n'est pas vrai:  
It's not true

Il faut que je fasse avec...: I have to put up with...

J'ai du mal à le comprendre: I'm having trouble understanding

Je le déteste: I hate it

Quelle honte: What a shame

Je me sens seul(e): I feel alone

Anger: Je suis fâché(e)/ en colere: I'm angry

Je suis si fâché(e) contre mes parents! I'm so angry with my parents! Mes parents sont si fâchés  
contre moi! My parents are so angry with me!

J'ai vu rouge: I saw red

J'ai perdu la tête: I lost my head

J'en ai marre! I've had enough!

Ils refusent de me laisser + infinitive verb : They are refusing to allow me to....

Je ferai de mon mieux pour...: I will try my best to...

C'est immonde! It's unreal! (negative)

Ils me traitent comme un bébé: They treat me like a baby

Je ne pense pas que ce soit juste: I don't think it's fair

A quoi bon + infinitive verb: What's the point in...

Closing: Bon, ça y est, je te laisse enfin car j'ai sommeil. Ah well, that's it, I'll stop because I'm sleepy  
à demain: til tomorrow