

Year 11 into Year 12 French Summer Assignments

Here are some suggestions for tasks to do over the summer to prepare for studying French in Year 12.

1. **Write a diary.** Aim to write something for at least three days each week, where possible. As well as practising the past tense by writing about what you have done, make a list of which reading tasks and videos you have looked at.
2. **Start an A level vocab book.** Get into the habit of looking up new words when you see them and noting them down. Then get into a routine of learning them.
3. Do some **private study of verb patterns** (sometimes called verb conjugation). We recommend you buy the book "*Practice in French Grammar*" by Michael Gross, currently available second hand for 33p + P & P on *Amazon* . **Write out the full pattern of *étudier* , *rester* , *être*, *avoir*, *aller*, *faire pouvoir* and *devoir* in the following tenses & do the relevant exercises from the grammar book (there is an index at the back):**
 - Present tense
 - Perfect tense
 - Imperfect tense
 - Aller + infinitive
 - Future tense
4. Spend time **reading** using some French websites eg <https://french.kwiziq.com/learn/reading> or the app "Give me 5" which is aimed at French sixth formers. See how much you can work out. This site suggests lots of sites to explore for reading & other practice : <https://www.frenchteacher.net/links/interactive-sites/>
5. Watch some **French films or TV programmes** on Netflix, on other streaming platforms or on DVD. We recommend the series *Lupin* and *Call my Agent* on Netflix. Put the settings onto French with English subtitles. Film recommendations include *Amélie*, *Bienvenue Chez les Ch'tis*, *La Famille Belier* & *Les Intouchables* (I think this is currently on Netflix). The film that we will study is called **Entre les murs** (*The Class* in

English), it would be great to buy the DVD of this to watch it in advance; you can get a copy for under a £1 + postage secondhand on Amazon.

6. Sign up to the site <https://www.ilini.com/learn-french> You only need an email address. It has lots of videos and you can choose to have subtitles in English, in French or both. Some videos are behind a paywall but plenty of good ones are not.

7. Do tasks from the attached PDF booklet “GCSE to A Level”