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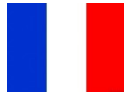
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Bonjour! You have expressed an interest in studying French at A Level  
next year at  
King Edward VI School, Lichfield - welcome!



To help you to keep your language going over the next few months and make a good start to your A Level French course in September here are some things you could try:

### Vocabulary

**Zut:** free out of school hours: [ZUT - Language Skills](#)

**Bitesize:** [Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

**Memrise:** [Learn a language. Memrise is authentic, useful & personalised.](#)

**Quizlet:** [Flashcards, learning tools and textbook solutions | Quizlet](#)

**Duolingo:** [Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language](#)

### Films / TV

**TV5 Monde:** [TV5MONDE : TV internationale francophone : Info, Jeux, Programmes TV, Météo, Dictionnaire](#)

Have a look at a summary of these films to see which one(s) interest you:

*Un air de famille, Mauvaises herbes, C'est quoi cette famille?, Comme une image, Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain, Les Choristes, Paris est à nous, Arès, L'ascension.*

Or watch your favourite film in French!

### Music

You might already know some French-speaking musicians. If not look at what is currently popular:

<https://lescharts.com/>

or try these:

Sur ma route – Black M [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Z\\_bZS8t3M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Z_bZS8t3M);

Ça ira – Joyce Jonathan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxWLybPwBzs>;

Désabonné – RIDSA <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i8XyS9zWFA> .

You could also try: <https://lyricstraining.com/fr/>



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## General knowledge

Do some research about France and French-speaking countries but link it to an area of your choice eg. if you really like science, research a French-speaking scientist. Remember that French is not just spoken in France but also in Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg ... and not just in Europe but in Canada and parts of Africa. In fact, it is spoken on every continent!

- Geography of a French-speaking country eg. the Alps, the seaside, a city, the Massif Central, rivers.
- History of a French-speaking country or a particular period of history.
- Science – a French-speaking scientist / mathematician, CERN, scientific / medical discoveries made by French-speaking scientists; European Space Agency (based in France).
- Space – try the 10 missions by the Cité de l’Espace: <https://www.cite-espace.com/astronaute-chez-soi/>
- Music – a French-speaking musician eg. RINDA, Black M, Mylene Farmer.
- Sport – a French-speaking sports person or a particular sport.
- Theme parks – Disneyland Paris, Parc Astérix, Futuroscope, Puy du fou.
- Food & drink – French cheeses / wines, food typical for different regions.
- Fashion – a French-speaking fashion designer eg. Louis Vuitton, Coco Chanel.
- Art – a French-speaking artist eg. Renoir, Monet, Manet.
- Business – a French-speaking company eg. cars (Renault, Peugeot, Citroën).
- Literature – a French-speaking poet, author or philosopher.
- Cinema – find out who the Lumière brothers were; what was the film genre ‘la nouvelle vague’?

## Grammar

Log onto Kerboodle (if you have it) > AQA French GCSE course > Resources tab > interactive activities or worksheets. Revising the verbs / tenses would be particularly useful. I can send you some tenses worksheets if you don’t have access to Kerboodle – just email me (see below) if you’d like some.

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) – it’s a good dictionary and verb conjugator.

If you have any questions about this or the course in general, you are welcome to get in touch with me via the email address below. Otherwise we look forward to welcoming you (back) in September so until then, take care and use your time well ... et bonnes vacances!

Yours faithfully,

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AQA A Level French course: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652>