



French A Level at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College

1. View the French course at Notre Dame: [here](#)

We are looking forward to meeting you at Notre Dame college. In this document you will find a summary of the course and some suggested activities to ensure that you get off to the best possible start in this subject area. It is important that you keep up with your French over the summer so you do not forget it. Try doing twenty to thirty minutes a day, five times a week of one of the activities below in 3 and 4 of this document. Vary the activities you do.

2. Exam board specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652/specification-at-a-glance>

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/french/specifications/AQA-7652-SP-2016.PDF>

Exam board: AQA 7652:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading, Translation, Summary Writing.

Paper 2: Writing (Film/Novel)

Paper 3: Speaking

Textbook: Hodder Education. AQA A level French (ISBN 978-1-4718-5795-9)

3. Suggested reading list, websites, pod casts, films etc.

Here are some websites for reading and listening to French and helping you with translation:

French - English dictionary, expressing yourself and grammar help:

<http://www.linguee.com/>

<http://www.wordreference.com/conj/FrVerbs.aspx>

<https://www.quia.com/shared/french/>



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<https://parlez-vousfrancais.com/>

French cinema:

<http://www.cinemafrancais-fle.com/Films/regain.php>

French music:

Lyrics training app

<https://lyricstraining.com/app>

<http://frenchtogether.com/learn-french-songs/>

<http://www.lyricsgaps.com/fr>

French podcast/videos:

Innerfrench:

<https://innerfrench.com/>

Transcriptions available on the website. First, listen to the podcast with the transcription in front of you, then listen to it without the transcription and finally listen to it and write down the transcription.

Parlez-vous French:

<https://parlez-vous-french.com/>

Videos explaining grammar, quiz and more.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/podcast/>

French and international news:

<https://www.euronews.com/> Can be adapted to French

France info app

<https://www.1jour1actu.com/>

This site has videos and reading materials:

You can sign up and receive an article a day (je m'abonne) or just try the suggested articles and videos.



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Suggested reading:

Buy French magazines about a subject that interests you.

Buy a parallel text where you can see the French and English side by side in the book such as the ones in this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=parallel+text+FrenchEnglish&i=stripbooks&ref=nb_sb_noss

Get an online subscription to Mary Glasgow, Chez Nous magazines. These are written for students of A level French and a yearly subscription is £18 at this link or you can read samples online for free:

https://maryglasgowplus.com/subscribe/french/chez_nous

Watch French films with English subtitles to improve your listening comprehension:

Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis
Qu'est ce qu'on a fait au Bon Dieu?
The African Doctor (Netflix)
The Climb (Netflix)
Bad Seeds (Netflix)
School life (Netflix)
Nothing to hide. (Netflix)

Watch Netflix French series:

Call my agent (10 pour cent)
La Mante
Marseille
Family business
Criminal - France

4. Summer learning activities:

It is important that you keep up your grammar from GCSE:

Revise present, future, imperfect and perfect tense and adjective endings by reading the grammar explanation, revise the endings, then do the online activities.

<https://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html#Grammar>



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Prepare some answers to the following questions so you are ready for your first conversation lesson with the French assistant:

Présente-toi et ta famille

Quels sont tes loisirs?

Quelles matières as-tu choisies cette année et pourquoi les as-tu choisies?

Quels sont tes projets pour l'avenir/

Qu'est-ce que tu as fait pendant les vacances?

Try the following translation from French to English. Check your answers and then try it from English to French:

Je vis avec ma mère et son conjoint; mes parents ont divorcé quand j'avais 9 ans. J'ai deux frères et une demi-sœur. On s'entend bien d'habitude mais on se dispute au sujet de la télévision et du ménage. Quand je serai plus grande, je me marierai parce que je pense que c'est plus facile de s'entendre avec ses enfants ou ses parents qu'avec les membres d'une famille recomposée. J'espère que je ne divorcerai pas.

I live with my mother and her partner; my parents divorced when I was 9 years old. I have two brothers and one stepsister. We usually get on quite well but we argue about the television and housework. When I am older, I will get married because I think that it is easier to get on with your children or your parents than with the members of a stepfamily. I hope that I will not get divorced.

Learn some vocabulary to get ready to do the first chapter in the text book:

Unit 1: La famille en voie de changement

1.1: Notre famille est spéciale

à temps plein/complet
alors que
un arrière-grand-père
avoir envie de

full time
whilst
great-grandfather
to want



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avoir peur	to be afraid
le bazar	chaos
un beau-frère	stepbrother; brother-in-law
un beau-père	stepfather; father-in-law
une belle-mère	stepmother; mother-in-law
une belle-sœur	stepsister; sister-in-law
une bonne à tout faire	maid
bref	in a word
un cas	case
casse-pieds	annoying
compter sur	to count on
se confier à	to confide in
un(e) conjoint(e)/partenaire	partner; spouse
dans l'ensemble	on the whole
de plus en plus	more and more
un demi-frère	half-brother
une demi-sœur	half-sister
dès que	as soon as
le désordre	disorder
une dispute	argument
divorcer	to divorce
donc	therefore
donner des conseils	to advise
élever	to raise
en fait	in fact
ensemble	together
s'entendre	to get on
essayer de	to try to
étendre le linge	to hang the washing out
faire à manger	to cook
faire le ménage	to do the housework
faire partie de	to be part of
une famille homoparentale	same-sex-parent family
une famille monoparentale	single-parent family
une famille recomposée	step/blended family
une fille	daughter; girl
un fils	son
un fils unique	only child (son)
un frère adoptif/d'adoption	adopted brother
gentil(le)	kind
les grands-parents maternels (m pl)	grandparents on mother's side
les grands-parents paternels (m pl)	grandparents on father's side
un(e) invité(e)	guest
isolé(e)	isolated
même	even; same
la moitié	half
mort(e)	dead
un neveu	nephew
une nièce	niece
un oncle	uncle
pareil	same



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un petit-fils	grandson
une petite-fille	granddaughter
plier	to fold
pourtant	however
presque	nearly, almost
quand même	all the same
ranger	to tidy up
résumer	to summarise
sécher	to dry
seul(e)	on one's own
une tante	aunt
le toit	roof
un week-end sur deux	every other weekend
vers	towards
vider le lave-vaisselle	to empty the dishwasher
la vie	life
vivre	to live

1.2: Se marier – oui ou non ?

accorder	to grant
adopter	to adopt
l'adultère (m)	adultery
afin de	so as
ainsi que	as well as
appartenir	to belong
atteindre	to reach
autoriser	to allow
une aventure amoureuse	affair
le bon sens	common sense
casser	to break
chacun	each one
chercher	to look for
un(e) conjoint(e)	partner; spouse
une constatation	observation, recognition
contre	against
de manière à	so as to
de nos jours	nowadays
le décès	death
déranger	to bother
le devoir	the duty
disparu(e)	deceased
le droit	the right
égal/égale/égaux/égales	equal
l'égalité (f)	equality
élever	to raise
en revanche	on the other hand
faire des recherches	to research
faire du mal	to do wrong



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une femme	woman; wife
la fidélité	faithfulness
hériter	to inherit
l'homoparentalité (f)	gay parenting
inclure	to include
l'infidélité (f)	unfaithfulness
intitulé(e)	entitled
la liberté	freedom
la loi	law
lorsque	when
lourd(e)	heavy
la majorité	the age of 18
le manque	lack
un mari	husband
le mariage	marriage
se marier	to get married
se mettre ensemble	to get together
mettre fin à	to end
la moitié	half
mourir	to die
ne...aucun	not any, none
ne...ni...ni...	neither...nor
ne...que	only
négligeable	negligible
le PACS	contract of civil union (civil partnership)
se pacser	to enter into a civil partnership
la (pension de) retraite	pension
permettre	to allow, permit
la personne majeure	adult, person over 18
promouvoir	to promote
propre	own
quasiment	virtually
la race humaine	the human race
un renseignement	piece of information
résumer	to sum up
souffrir	to suffer
subir (des changements)	to go through (changes)
tant que	as long as
un versement	payment
vivre	to live