

MFL Summer Preparation for A Level French / German / Spanish

Welcome to the MFL Department at Watford Girls!

You have chosen an exciting course where you will be exploring the culture and society of the countries in which your chosen language is spoken, including literature and film. We have put together a few ideas for you to start investigating the country and language you will be studying. This should be an enjoyable task and is very much based on your personal interests. Please be ready to hand this in during the second week of the course.

- A scrapbook containing target language articles / research / annotated reading about:
 - At least 2 events in politics or society in France/Germany/Spain that is of interest to you. Please include a 50-word comment in target language and a New Vocabulary list for each.
 - At least 3 cultural aspects that could be a certain trend, a museum, a painter, fashion etc. Please include a 50-word comment in target language and a New Vocabulary list.
 - 2 short reviews of a target language song / poem / novel / article / tv programme etc. in the target language
 - Watch a film in the target language, with sub-titles on if necessary, and write a 3 paragraph review in the target language.
- It would be a good idea to keep up with political developments in France/Germany/Spain. At A-Level, what a lot of students lack is knowledge of current affairs. So watch the news, read online newspapers (Libération, El Pais, Die Zeit for example, and also English ones) and discuss current affairs

To revise the main grammar points you have studied so far and for use during the course, please work through the grammar and translation book listed below for your language. You will find the answers in Departments/Modern Languages/Home Learning2020/French or Spanish or German/Year 12 2020/21.

D. Sauer, *AQA A Level German Grammar and translation Workbook*, 2017, Oxford.

E. Everett, *AQA A Level Spanish Grammar and translation Workbook*, 2017, Oxford.

S. Harrison, *AQA A Level French Grammar and translation Workbook*, 2017, Oxford.

Please revise the following tenses including irregular verbs using the above book and complete at least 2 exercises for each one.

German: Present tense, Perfect tense, Future tense

French: Present tense, Perfect tense, Future tense

Spanish: Present tense, Simple future tense (I will), Preterite tense

Should you wish to delve a little deeper into grammar, here is the book we would suggest you could get. This is not compulsory, but is a nice book to use for reference.

J. Klapper and T. McMahon, *Aktion Grammatik! :New Advanced German Grammar*, Banbury, Hodder Education, 2006.

P. Turk and G. Garcia Vandale, *Action Grammaire!: New Advanced French Grammar*, Banbury, Hodder Education, 2006.

P. Turk and M. Zollo, *¡Acción Gramática!: New Advanced Spanish Grammar*, Banbury, Hodder Education, 2006.

Websites such as languagesonline.org.uk for all three languages, BonjourdeFrance.com, StudySpanish.com, [Deutsche Welle Learn German](http://DeutscheWelle.com) (<https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469>) are helpful interactive resources too. For the French and German websites, start with levels B1/B2 and see how it goes! More general practice can be found in all languages on the [BBC/languages](http://BBC.com) website, including TV channels, or [newsinslow](http://newsinslow.com).

Your GCSE book has pages on volunteering, which is also an A-Level topic (p168-69 of Studio AQA GCSE French Higher; p171 & 173 of Viva AQA GCSE Spanish Higher and p172-73 of Stimmt AQA GCSE Higher), so going over these pages and the vocab would be a good idea. Do not worry about the grammar points introduced: you only need to recognise the structures for now but will need to learn to use at A-Level.

If you want some literature, here is the list of texts and films studied at A-Level.

- French film : Au revoir les Enfants by Louis Malle
- French book: No et moi by Delphine de Vigan
- Spanish film: Volver by Pedro Almodovar
- Spanish book: Como agua para chocolate by Laura Esquivel
- German film: Almanya by Yasemin Samdereli
- German book: Der Besuch der Alten Dame by Friedrich Dürrenmatt

We will study the film in Year 12 and the book will be studied in Year 13. However, we would not recommend you read this now, as there will be plenty of time over the summer 2021/2022. Instead, read something by the same author if you want to. The main point is to pick something that is of interest to you and read just for pleasure! Use a dictionary, but don't look up every single word. If you can follow the plot, that's great. It might be difficult to get hold of books right now, but you might be able to download something from Amazon onto an e-reader. It really doesn't matter what you read, it can be a crime novel if you want.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form!!

Bonnes vacances!

¡Felices vacaciones!

Schöne Ferien!