



## FRENCH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Your summer assignment must be submitted in the **first lesson for this subject in September**. The completion of this assignment is compulsory and we expect you to put every effort into completing it to the best of your ability. Failure to submit this assignment will jeopardise your place on this course.

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Watch and research a French film. You need to gather notes and ideas to be able to answer a question related to the characters (main and/or secondary). The following are films which are on the A Level specification, one of which you will study in depth as part of your course, so it would be beneficial to focus on one of these:

- *Au revoir les enfants* Louis Malle (1987)
- *Les 400 coups* François Truffaut (1959)
- *L'auberge espagnole* Cédric Klapisch (2002)
- *Un long dimanche de fiançailles* Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)
- *La Haine* Mathieu Kassovitz (1995)
- *Entre les Murs* Laurent Cantet (2008)

Before you start, please read the following guidelines...

- You are allowed to use one page of notes (maximum 30 words in the target language)
- Your notes will be checked in your first lesson and in your second lesson, you will be asked to write up to 200-250 words answering a question with no dictionary related to your film.
- This will allow us to identify areas of strengths and what aspects of essay writing we need to focus on.
- We will use the A level marking criteria to give detailed feedback but we will not be grading the work.

In your notes, you might want to consider:-

- ❖ The personality of your characters
- ❖ The importance of the characters
- ❖ How characters develop throughout the film
- ❖ The relationships of the characters in the film

**Please read:** Over the summer, you should regularly be practising your verbs in different tenses and reviewing topic-based GCSE vocabulary. We also advise you to engage in the language as much as possible by listening to French music, watching other films and TV programs and reading any news or current affairs related to Francophone countries. We strongly recommend that you listen to some news podcasts available on 'Slow French News' and begin to read the headlines from a French (online) newspaper such as 'Le Monde'.

Grammar book recommendations:

- CGP GCSE AQA French for the grade 9-1 course the revision guide
- Schaum's French grammar (more advanced with written exercises)