



Ripon Grammar School

Dear Student,

We look forward to welcoming you in September. To help with the transition from Year 11 into Sixth Form and ensure that you are well prepared for the A level French course, we have set some preparation tasks.

Please email **Mrs Harrison**, the A level German course leader, at harrisonc@ripongrammar.com to introduce yourself. Let us know which school you have studied at and for how long you have been learning French, why you are interested in studying French at A level, and which aspects of the course you are most looking forward to — whether it's the language, grammar, culture, literature, or film.

In recent years, we have studied the film **Intouchables**, directed by Éric Toledano et Olivier Nakache in Year 12 and the book **No et moi** by Delphine de Vigan in Year 13. These offer fascinating insights into homelessness, social exclusion, isolation, friendship and solidarity within French society.

As part of your preparation, you might want to familiarise yourself a little with an overview of French history, particularly 20th century.

Vocabulary and Grammar Practice

A good level of understanding of the grammar points and vocabulary at GCSE will give you a strong foundation. To support your transition from GCSE to A level, we can send you transition material, via email request, with vocabulary and grammar tasks covering key topics. This includes:

- All the tenses (past, present and future) which have been covered at GCSE level.
- When to use full (infinitive) verbs as well as what prepositions come after them.

Enrichment Reading

Articles on French current affairs, culture, and youth topics (from websites like [Journal en français facile](#) or [France 24 - Infos, news & actualités - L'information internationale en direct](#) or **BBC Bitesize French** (as a refresher) will be useful. We also recommend reading around the topics you'll be studying. You may wish to start a scrapbook or digital folder of interesting words or articles to bring with you in September. There is a list of some useful ideas and links provided here in the [French Transition Comment franciser ta vie.pdf](#) to help you get started.

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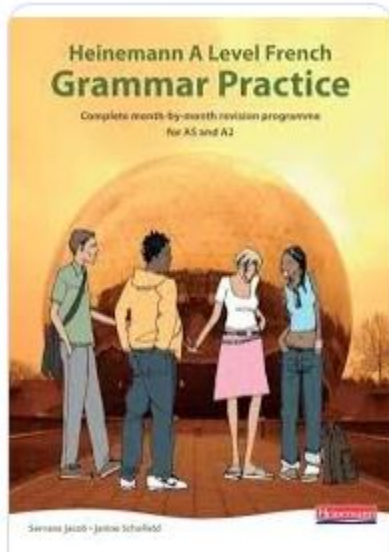
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Resources



We ask that **you to purchase the Heineman French A Level Grammar book (photo above)**, that we will use in Year 12. If you have difficulties finding the book to purchase, please get in touch with me. All other resources for French will be provided for you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at harrisonc@ripongrammar.com. We are excited to support you in the next stage of your language journey and can't wait to get started in September!

Cordialement,

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