

## Reading List/preparation ideas (Summer before yr.12)

- Use the '**Languages online**' website to practise various grammar points (particularly present, perfect, imperfect and future tenses) until you feel confident using them.
- Buy the BBC grammar book – you can also use this to familiarise yourself with the tenses and other key grammar points and will be a good reference throughout the course.
- Listen to French in order to tune your ear into the language – watch **youtube** clips about topics you find interesting and watch <https://fr.news.yahoo.com/monde/> for 3 minute news clips in French.
- If you use Facebook join mfl clips with audio & subtitles and watch the French clips
- Follow this link to access free Open University courses in French. There are 5 intermediate courses available and you'll get a certificate of completion at the end. <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>
- Research the French speaking countries –how many are there and where are they?
- Research some Francophone bands and try to form an opinion about them. You could try '**Noir Désir**' or '**Stromae**'.
- Find out about the cultural heritage in the French speaking countries. What are the most popular tourist destinations in France? You could start with the famous tourist sights of Paris (la Tour Eiffel, Le Louvre, le Palais de Versailles)
- Watch some French films with English subtitles - there are lots on Netflix (Bad Seeds, The Climb, We Are Family) and Amazon Prime (La famille Bélier, Little White Lies). Other good classic film suggestions are 'Les Intouchables', 'Jean de Florette' and 'Manon des Sources' 'La Vie en Rose' 'Amélie'.
- There are also lots of great series on Netflix (Call my agent, Le Chalet) and on More 4 (The Other Mother) – you could even try watching with French subtitles rather than English