**French Summer Tasks**

**Task one: Most common tenses notes, practice and revision. Make notes on the following, and complete the practice exercises from one of the websites.**

* Present tense
* Perfect tense
* Simple and near future tenses
* Conditional tense

Go to <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm> or <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

**Introduction to the Independent Research Project**

Research two articles on any element of French speaking culture you like – a famous person, a movement (art, fashion, music, film etc.), a French TV show or film, a sports team or issue, a period in history, a French novel… anything (as long as it’s based in France or French speaking places.

**Narrow your topic for study for the year 12 Research Project**

Possible ideas:

**Famous French people:** Charles de Gaulle, Marie Curie, Claude Monet, Coco Chanel, Jeanne d’Arc, Louis XIV, Marie Antoinette, Voltaire, Napoleon, Victor Hugo, Voltaire, Jean-Paul Sartre, Alfred Dreyfus, Georges Sand, Mélenchon (***there are obviously many more***)

**Periods in French history:** Colonial history in African, The French Revolution, The Napoleonic era, World War I, World War II: Occupation and Resistance, The Algerian War of Independence

**Other cultural areas:** French cuisine, French football, French fashion houses, The importance of Paris, French art through the ages, The rise and fall of Notre Dame, Policing in France’s banlieue

**Literary works/musicals:** Les Misérables, Les Trois Mousquetaires, Mains Sales, L’étranger, La Peste, La Belle et La Bête, Les Fleurs du Mal, Indiana, Madame Bovary,

**French TV and Film :**La Haine, Lupin, Braquo, Marseille, Diner des Cons, Dix pour cent, les humoristes, La mère parfaite (***again, there’s a lot there***)

Find 2 articles on a general area of interest (in French – adavies@toothillschool.co.uk if you need help with this).

Summarise the articles into English, and give a brief opinion as to their usefulness (and why).

**Example Research Titles**

1. How does the French national team reflect its multiculturalism and colonial past?
2. Is La Haine a great film or more significant than that?
3. Was Marie Curie a great person or just a great scientist?
4. What were the main causes of the French Revolution?
5. Is Paris really the fashion capital of the world?
6. What’s the cultural and global importance of the Parisian ballet?
7. Does French football have a problem with racism?
8. Will Omar Sy be remembered as one of the greatest actors of all time?
9. Is Brittany the greatest region in France?
10. Is France too centred around Paris?

**Task two: Other grammatical areas. Make notes on the following, and complete the practice exercises from one of the websites.**

* Modal verbs
* Adjectives
* Using negatives
* The imperfect tense

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**Independent Research (Continued)**

Find two new articles on a different element of French culture and summarise into English.

* Where’s the source from;
* Who has written it;
* What’s the main information conveyed;
* What, if any, opinions are given;
* How useful do you find it and why.

Decide upon a research title to explore and develop during year 12.