

Higher Revision

Reading and Translation

- Revise all vocabulary from your 5 booklets (1 more after the holidays).
- Past Papers. If you have bought a book you should work on this. Alternatively you can find 2008-10 on the SQA website. We will do the older past papers in class after the holidays. Do the reading and translation papers and mark your work
- Choose a second translation section for each paper. I will mark this for you.
- Do any reading activities in your booklet which we didn't do in class. Roughly 1 in each booklet.
- For any of the reading passages in your booklets, choose any short 5-6 line section and translate. I will mark this for you.
- Surf the Internet in French. Start with www.google.fr and see where it takes you. Remember that your key search word or phrase should be in French.
- Any reading from the websites below e.g. news, TV schedules.

Directed Writing

- Revise all grammar notes, paying particular attention to Perfect and Imperfect Tenses.
- Revise all essays completed this session.
- Practise essays under exam conditions – give yourself roughly 40 minutes. You can use the past papers from the last 3 years. I will make these for you.
- Learn complex phrases which would fit any essay.
- If you struggle with this paper, learn a generic essay. Prepare 2-3 middle paragraphs, 1 on an exchange visit, 1 on a working holiday, 1 on a visit to a school.

Listening

- Revise vocabulary from all 6 booklets.
- SQA websites for listening from 2006-8.
- Listening activities on Scholar.
- Listen to the news on TV1 or France 24. Watch TV clips or sports clips. Use the websites below.

Listening/Essay topics from the last 10 years:

2010 – Ideal holidays

2009 – Advantages and disadvantages of living in Scotland/other countries

2008 – Money and the advantages/disadvantages of having a part-time job

2007 – Advantages and disadvantages of living in a city. Will you leave your city in future?

2006 – What makes a good school? Will you carry on studying after school or go on to the world of work?

2005 – What sports can you do in your area of town? Is sport important for you? Should young people do more sport?

2004 – Future plans and importance of learning a foreign language?

2003 – Do you have freedom? Do adults impose too many rules on you – home/school/holidays?

2002 – Where do you prefer to live? Will you stay here or move away for work? Why?

2001 – Health. What do you do to stay healthy?

Short Essays

- Revise all grammar notes, paying particular attention to the present, future and conditional tenses.
- Revise all essays completed this session (smoking/alcohol/drugs, health and sport, free time, family relationships, friends (no essay but vocab sheet), school, future plans/the world of work, town/country life, Scotland as a tourist destination, (still to prepare - holidays).
- Practise writing short essays under exam conditions. Give yourself 30 minutes. I will mark these for you.
- Learn some openers, connectors, endings and essay phrases from your skills booklet. These could be used for any short essay.

Websites

Newspapers

- [Le Monde](http://www.lemonde.fr) - respected national daily, considered to be France's newspaper of record
www.lemonde.fr
- [Liberation](http://www.liberation.fr) - national daily, founded in 1973 by philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, centre-left leaning
www.liberation.fr
- [Le Figaro](http://www.lefigaro.fr) - national daily, centre-right leaning
www.lefigaro.fr

- [Ouest France](#) - Rennes-based; France's best-selling daily
www.ouest-france.fr
- [L'Express](#) - news weekly
www.lexpress.fr
- [Le Point](#) - news weekly
www.lepoint.fr

Television

- ❓ [France 2](#) - national, main public TV network
www.france2.fr
- ❓ [France 3](#) - national, public
www.france3.fr
- ❓ [France 5](#) - national, public, educational
www.france5.fr
- ❓ [TF1](#) - national, commercial
www.tf1.fr
- ❓ [M6](#) - national, commercial
www.m6.fr
- ❓ [La Chaîne Info](#) - rolling news
<http://tf1.lci.fr/>
- ❓ [France 24](#) - global news channel, owned by public broadcaster and TF1; services in French, English, Arabic
www.france24.com
- ❓ [TV5 Monde](#) - international French-language TV, with programmes from French, Belgian, Swiss and Canadian public broadcasters
www.tv5.org/
- ❓ [Canal Plus](#) - national, subscription channel
www.canalplus.fr

Radio

- [Radio France](#) - operates national and regional outlets, including speech-based France Inter and all-news France Info
- www.radiofrance.fr

- [Radio France Internationale \(RFI\)](#) - international broadcaster, via shortwave and FM relays worldwide
- www.rfi.fr

- [Europe 1](#) - major commercial station, news and entertainment
- www.europe1.fr

- [RTL](#) - major commercial station, speech and music
- www.rtl.fr

- [NRJ](#) - commercial, leading hit music network (chart music)
- www.nrj.fr

Other

www.allocine.com - film trailers and reviews in French

www.livres-a-gogo.com - book summaries and reviews written by French lycéens

<http://scholar.hw.ac.uk> - Herriot-Watt site. Excellent for practising all skills for Higher. Remember your password and username. See Mrs Tosh if you have forgotten.

www.sqa.org.uk