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French

Learning a language is a lot like learning a musical instrument– the more you practise, the more concerts you attend, the more music you hear, the greater your mastery of that instrument. Language used in the classroom is useful, but there is always so much more that you can't learn in a single hour! To become fluent in a language, you have to find as many ways as possible to immerse yourself in the language and culture of the country (or countries) where it is spoken. The obvious way to do this is to go abroad, taking advantage of school trips and exchanges, but at home, you might like to try:

	Launch (KS3/4)	Take Off (KS4/5)
Read	<p>You might like to try reading a longer novel– or collection of short stories, look in the library, where there is a brand new collection of youth literature, or ask in the department for the following books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Les vacances du Petit Nicolas</i> SEMPÉ-GOSCINNY ▪ <i>Oscar et la Dame rose</i> Eric Emmanuel-Schmidt ▪ <i>Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du coran</i> Eric Emmanuel-Schmidt <p>E-reader owners also have access to many French books for free via amazon.co.uk.</p> <p>If that's not enough, ask in the languages office about a subscription to the Mary Glasgow French magazines which are aimed at people your age.</p>	<p>You might like to try reading a longer novel– or collection of short stories, look in the library, which has a new collection of youth literature, or ask in the department for the following books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Un jeune home seul</i> Roger Vailland ▪ <i>Un sac de billes</i> Joseph Joffo ▪ <i>Germinal</i> Emile Zola ▪ <i>La Place</i> Annie Ernaux ▪ <i>La Peste</i> Albert Camus <p>E-reader owners also have access to many French books for free via amazon.co.uk. French poetry is also a rich resource for reading for pleasure!</p>

<p>Watch</p>	<p>It really doesn't matter what you read or research, the important thing is to find something that interests you. You might like to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Le Petit Prince</i> Antoine de Saint-Exupéry ▪ <i>Le Petit Nicolas</i> Laurent Tirard ▪ <i>Les aventures de Tintin: Le secret de la licorne</i> Steven Spielberg & Peter Jackson (French subtitles / audio!) ▪ <i>Les choristes</i> Christophe Barratier 	<p>It really doesn't matter what you read or research, the important thing is to find something that interests you. You might like to consider:</p> <p><i>Entre les murs</i> Laurent Cantet & Eric Toledano</p> <p><i>Les 400 coups</i> François Truffaut</p> <p><i>Les enfants du Paradis</i> Marcel Carné</p> <p><i>Danny Boon</i></p> <p><i>Le grand voyage</i> Ismaël Ferroukhi</p> <p><i>Amélie</i> Jean-Pierre Jeunet</p> <p><i>Un long dimanche de fiançailles</i> Jean-Pierre Jeunet</p> <p><i>Intouchables</i> Olivier Nakache</p> <p><i>Qu'est-ce qu'on a fait au bon dieu?</i> Philippe de Chauveron</p> <p><i>Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis</i></p> <p><i>Le Placard</i> Francis Veber</p> <p><i>Au revoir les enfants</i> Louis Malle</p>
<p>Do</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Get the latest news at http://www.newsinslowfrench.com/ ▪ Find key topics and short online activities on www.funwithlanguages.vacau.com ▪ Listen to French radio, or download a podcast for the journey to school: www.franceinfo.fr (Podcast) ▪ Research articles affecting young people at : www.ljourlactu.com ▪ Read a daily newspaper via www.lemonde.fr or www.lefigaro.fr or the more accessible www.lepetitquotidien.fr ▪ Listen to French songs to practise your pronunciation at: www.lepointdufle.net/chansons.htm ▪ Participate in Routes into Languages competitions ▪ Research a French recipe and make it at home ▪ Research a French speaking country– and produce a guide in a form of your choice ▪ Follow your favourite French football or rugby team at www.lequipe.fr ▪ Watching French television: go to www.tfl.fr to access news, sports and cultural programmes 	<p>Aim to show an interest in the history, politics and cultural life of the country whose language you are studying. The BFI in London often runs a French cinema week in the summer, and all of the major London galleries house French artworks drawn from over the last few centuries. Why not pick an artist, or a film director and research their work, the themes they explore and the impact they had internationally?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watch French television: go to www.tfl.fr to access news, sports and cultural programmes ▪ Access topics, film, literature and more at www.funwithlanguages.vacau.com ▪ 'Duolingo' and other free language-learning Apps on your smartphones ▪ Listen to French radio, or download a podcast for the journey to school: www.franceinfo.fr (Podcast) ▪ Research articles affecting young people at : www.letudiant.fr ▪ Read a daily newspaper via www.lemonde.fr or www.lefigaro.fr or www.l-actu.fr or a more accessible www.monquotidien.fr ▪ Listen to French songs to practise your pronunciation at: www.lepointdufle.net/chansons.htm or try www.lyricstraining.com ▪ Participate in the Oxford essay writing competitions advertised each year
<p>Revise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review your learning and go beyond set classroom topics on www.memrise.com and www.quizlet.com 	