



Westbourne House School Revision –Christmas Term



8S FRENCH REVISION CHECKLIST

The Exams will consist of:

- Three papers + 1 oral exam:
(NB: the durations may differ slightly according to the specific Scholarship paper from different schools)
 - *Listening Paper: duration 25 minutes (taken in normal lesson time under exam conditions)*
 - Pupils will listen to a recording in French but the questions and answers will be in English.
 - Full sentences will not be required.
 - Pupils will need to listen out for the different verb tenses.
 - *Reading Paper: duration 30 minutes*
 - Pupils will read texts of increasing length and detail in French but the questions and answers will be either in English or French depending on the schools. So this will involve the translation technique.
 - Full sentences will not be required.
 - All reading papers at this level are also grammatical obstacle courses, so attention must be given to verb tenses and ‘the small grammatical details’
 - *Writing Paper: duration 30 minutes*
 - Long essay (approximately 140 words): either a letter or an article is to be written based on a selection of topic areas.
 - It is vital that as many of the following tenses are used in the Writing Paper as possible: **present, past, imperfect, future, conditional.**
 - A variety of **negatives** should be used and at least a **comparative** or **superlative.**
 - Opinions are also important.
 - *Oral Exam:*
The mark from the test on “La vie scolaire” done in September will count towards the exam.
 It is a good idea to keep revising the other topic “La Région”, and make sure Q1 of “La Famille” is ready.
 The children must remember they should be confident enough to talk about all of these subjects as if they were holding a normal conversation, rather than feeling they have to learn the details off by heart. Intonation is important.

Equipment you will need for the exam:

- Fountain pen and spare cartridges
- Pencil (Eraser/Sharpener)
- Ruler
- Highlighter (optional)

PAGES	WHAT TO REVISE:	DONE?
p1-p24	French Verb Drills	

	8S need only to concentrate on learning the following verb tenses: Present indicative, passé composé, imperfect, future, conditional, passé composé and the use of the infinitive	
p37 - p41	Reflexive verbs	
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ALL PAGES	French ISEB Revision Guide	

NOTES/TIPS:

- For any further information or guidance about revision or the actual exam, please contact the Head of French - Madame Fabienne Bennison (fbennison@westbournehouse.org).