



Westbourne House School Revision – Summer 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 translation technique.** Full sentences will not be required.
 - All reading papers at this level are not only comprehension but 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, perfect, imperfect, pluperfect, future, future past, conditional, conditional past, present and past participle, the passive.**
 - A variety of **negatives** should be used and at least a **comparative** and / or **superlative**.
 - Opinions are important.
 - *Oral Exam: duration maximum of 15 minutes*
 - Based upon the questions from the topics studied: “La Maison et les Corvées”, “La Région”, “La Vie Scolaire”, “En voyage”, and “La Famille”
 - Pupils should ensure they are confident 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.
 - Brighton College: requires candidates to **also** talk about a picture where grammatical accuracy and variety (as detailed above) will be of the utmost importance

Equipment you will need for the exam:

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

The ISEB revision Guide is a solid point of reference for vocab and grammar.

PAGES	WHAT TO REVISE: French ISEB Revision Guide	DONE?
10-11	Useful phrases for role plays, tips for quality discussion	
20-23	ER, IR, RE verbs	
23-24	Reflexive verbs	
25-28	Present tense of Irregular verbs + Avoir Expressions	
28-9	Infinitive, the immediate future	
30	Other uses of the Infinitive	
31-34	The Passé Composé	
36	Reflexive verbs in the Passé Composé	
37-40	The Imperfect tense, Interrogative, Negatives Part A & Part B	
41-42	Pronouns, Relative pronouns qui & que	
43-44	Nouns	
44-45	Some & of	
46-48	Adjectives	
49-50	Comparison & Superlative of adjectives, Possessive Adjectives, Demonstrative	
51-52	Adverbs	
53-54	Prepositions + ex 21	
55	Conjunctions	
62-63	Topics and useful vocabulary	
64 - 143	Revision of any of the chapters from Chapter 4 onwards would be valuable	

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).

The GCSE Revision Guide offers reinforcement and extension.

PAGES	WHAT TO REVISE: GCSE French: Complete Revision & Practice	DONE?
138-9	Nouns	
140	Conjunctions	
144-147	Adjectives	
150	Adverbs	
151	Comparatives & Superlatives	
152-3	Prepositions	
156-159	Pronouns	
163-7	Verbs + Present Tense	
170	The Future	
171-3	The Past	
176-7	The Past (Imperfect)	
178	Reflexive Verbs	
179	Negatives	
180	Conditional	
183	Imperative	
184	Savoir, Connaître & pouvoir	

185	Pluperfect, Present Participle & Venir de	
ALL THE REVISION PAGES ARE VERY USEFUL TOOLS TO USE TO CONFIRM YOUR KNOWLEDGE		

Verbs can be practised on Languages on Line as well as the French Verbs Revision Drills.

French Verb Revision Drills:	8S need only concentrate on learning the following verb forms and tenses: Infinitive, present participle, past participle, present indicative, future, conditional, imperfect, passé composé, the imperative and the passive.
19-22	Etre and avoir
63-108	Irregular Verbs

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