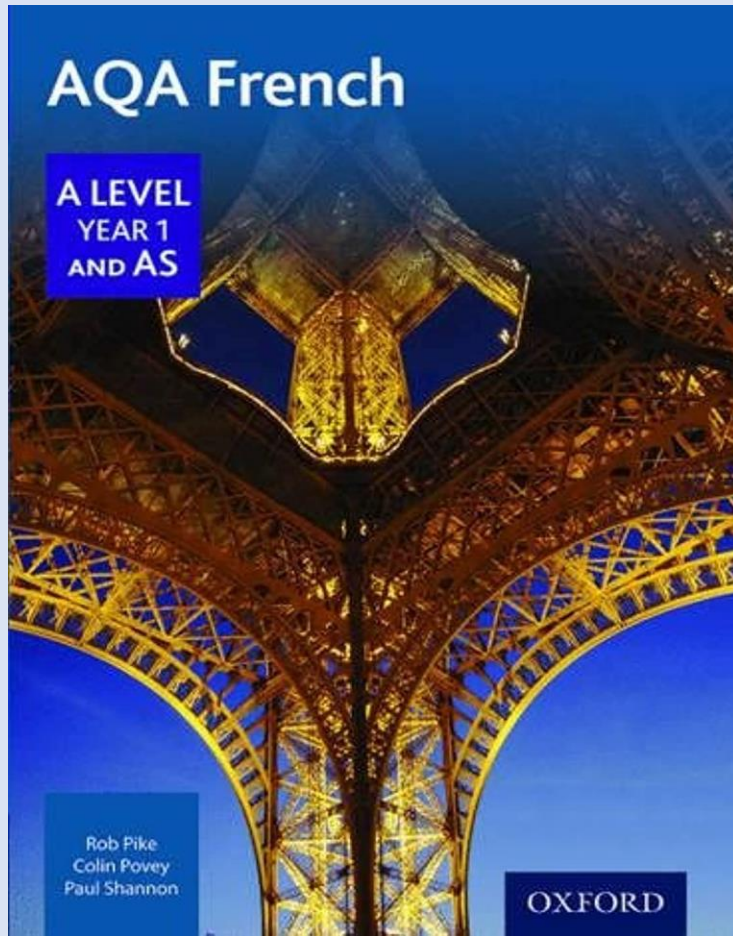
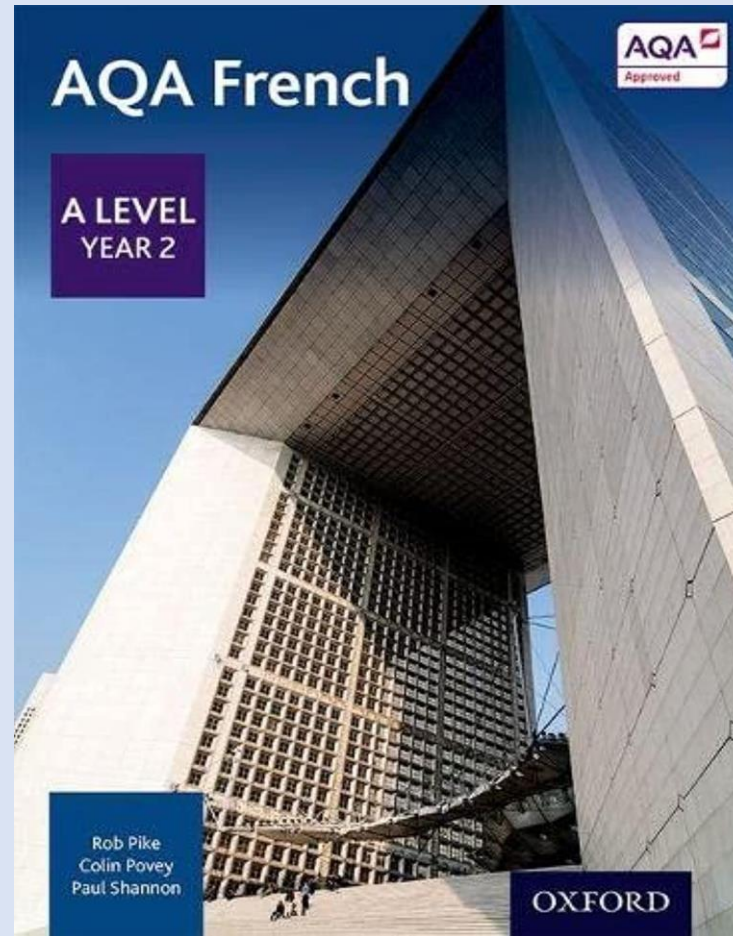


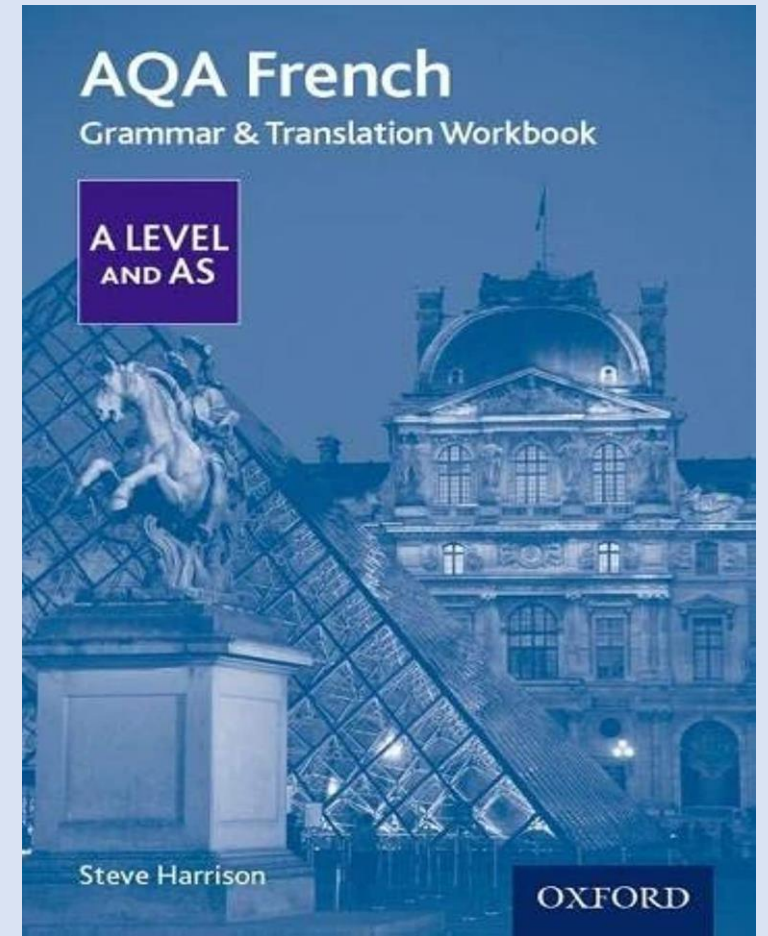
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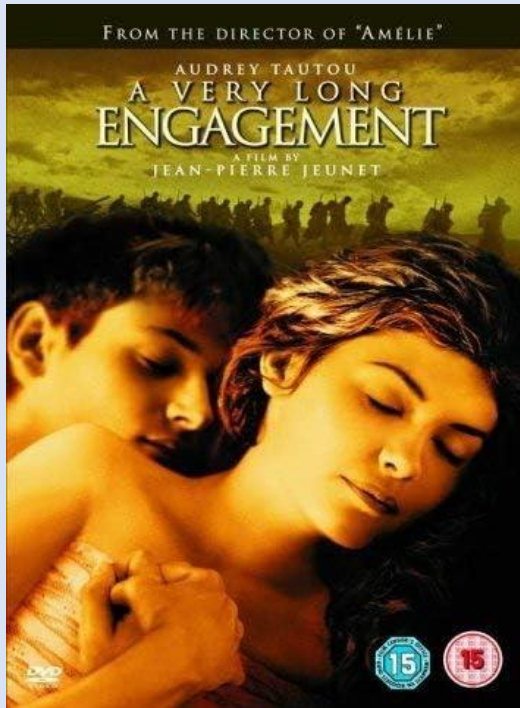
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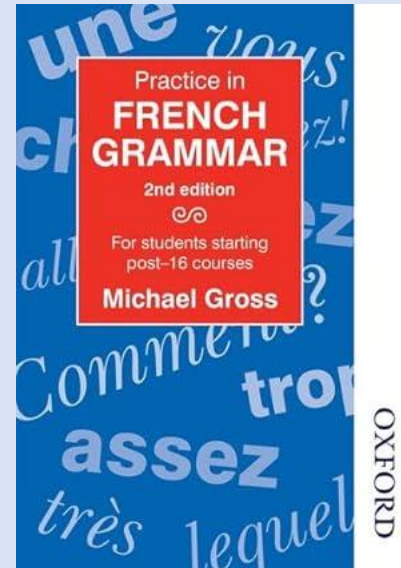
I recommend getting your own DVD and purchasing the 2-disc edition if you can find it. It has a great commentary from the director, with invaluable insights into his cinematography.



Un long dimanche de fiançailles

<https://www.jpjeunet.com/>

Bookmark the director's website



A French grammar book – Practice in French Grammar – Michael Gross. 978-0748762910

Year 13 The novel – Either...



Or...



and a study guide.

Tasks to complete over the summer:

1. Buy the AQA AS and A Level book for year 1 (it would be useful to have your own copy) and the AQA Grammar and Translation workbook.
2. Buy a copy of *Le long Dimanche de fiançailles*. Watch the film all the way through. Then watch again, taking notes in English about camera techniques used, the use of music etc. Take notes on the different characters including the minor characters. Answer the questions in the booklets given to you, so that you are familiar with the story and the characters.

If you manage to get hold of the 2-DVD version with the audio commentary from Jean-Pierre Jeunet, play the audio commentary and take notes. Jeunet provides lots of insight into his cinematography, why he chooses particular camera shots and what he is trying to achieve. He also talks about his inspiration for particular scenes and provides really valuable insights for your essays!

<https://www.jpjeunet.com/> Explore the director's website and investigate his other work. Watch some of his interviews on Youtube to find out more about him and his cinematography. He brings a lot of his own early career into his work and so finding out more about this is useful in understanding the film.

3. Start collecting facts and statistics on each topic in the text book about French - speaking countries. For example, for the first unit on family, find out how many single parent families there are in France, what the typical make up of a family is in France and if this has changed over the last 20 years. Find out what the current divorce rate is etc. Just typing these questions into Google (in French if you can) will provide you with a number of articles/sites to browse for the information. If you look at the textbook, you will be able to see the topic areas discussed. Write down and learn any vocabulary you don't know. You will be given access to the textbooks digitally on Kerboodle before the summer holidays. At the end of each unit, is a vocabulary list. You could usefully start to create some Quizlet lists for your vocabulary practice!

Top website to help you improve your French

1. <https://www.tv5monde.com/tv/> A great source of listening activities for you on a wide variety of topics. You should listen to the news once a week, read some of the articles (particularly those related to our A level topics).
2. <https://www.lawlessfrench.com/> There are some really helpful grammar resources (check out the subjunctivisor!) and activities of all kinds on this site.
3. <https://zut.languageskills.co.uk/> A free website outside school hours (after 4pm). They have a really useful Y12 and Y13 section with videos and other activities including vocabulary. They also upload TV news videos and create simple comprehension tasks based on them. They are great for development of comprehension skills at this level.
4. <https://www.1jour1actu.com/videos> A great source of videos on all kinds of topics. We will use some of the 1 jour 1 question videos in class.
5. <https://www.wordreference.com/> A website that you know already for its online dictionary. Remember that the conjugate tool is invaluable for checking verbs but it has great help for advanced level translation too, if you look at the forum at the bottom of the page when you have searched for a word. The forum offers you the chance to ask questions of native speakers/translators if you can't find exactly what you need or search through the discussion threads for answers if someone else has asked a similar question.