

Welcome to Year 13 French!

Please complete, over the summer, the following tasks which are going to be essential for succeeding in your A level.

Task 1: Independent Research Project

Over the summer, you need to continue your work on your Independent Research Project completing your booklet, making sure you can find the resources that you need and that there is enough information to conduct a meaningful presentation (2 minutes) and following discussion (10 minutes). By the time you come back, I will expect to see evidence that you are completing your IRP Booklets thoroughly and are on top of your IRP Project as this is worth 35 marks out of a total of 60 marks in your Speaking Exam (30% of total A Level).

Within the first week, you will be required to do a 2 minute presentation in front of your peers about your IRP topic in Spanish. You will be assessed on the knowledge of your topic (5 marks) and your range of vocabulary and complex structures (10 marks). This is part of your Initial Assessment.

Task 2: Read “Un Sac de Billes “ by Joseph Joffo

You will need to buy this book yourself and Amazon is probably a good place to do this. I would like you to buy your own copies so that you can come to lessons in September with useful commentary and notes.

- To read the English version online or listen to the English audio, use this link to ‘borrow’ the book:

- <https://archive.org> and search ‘A Bag of Marbles’

There is also a film available of the book which I highly recommend you watching.

You need to use the summer holidays for making notes on the plot (i.e. what is happening), the setting (where is the action taking place), the *characters*, the *use of language* and *imagery* and *key themes and messages* in the story. **Please use the book summary and synopsis I have given to you to help you understand what is happening in the book.**

As with the film work, you need some background about the historical and social setting of the time in which the story is set; 1941, the Occupation of France and the treatment of the Jews during the Second World War.

Pay attention to themes, settings, characters and read around the Occupation of France and the treatment of the Jews at that time. You could use the link below:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/genocide/jewish_deportation_01.shtml

