French Newsletter

This month's newsletter focuses on Music. We have selected different artists that you might like to discover and included links to their most well-known songs. We have also outlined ideas to stretch yourself and a few tasks that you could complete to work towards your Language Expert badge. In order to promote the work of our student, we have also selected a piece of work which demonstrates the qualities of a Gifted and talented Language Learner.

Suggestions d'artistes :

- **Stromae – Papaoutai** : Stromae est un compositeur-chanteur Belge âgé de 31 ans. Écoutez son titre le plus connu « Papaoutai »

- **Boulevard des airs :** est un groupe de musique français formé en 2004 dans le sud de la France. Écoutez leur titre le plus connu : « Emmène-moi »

- **Christine and the Queens :** est une chanteuse née à Nantes en 1988. Elle devient célèbre en 2014 grâce à son premier album. Écoutez son titre le plus connu « Tilted »

Ideas to stretch and challenge yourself

- **Spotify:** You can listen to French music and see which songs are trending in France by clicking on Browse, Charts, Top 50 by country, France.

- **Translation:** Go further and select a song you like to translate the lyrics. You can also go on YouTube, watch the video clip and activate the subtitles (settings icon, switch on subtitles – if available)

- **Lyrics challenge:** Go on Lyricstraining.com to listen to French songs and try to type missing words in the lyrics! Here is one you could try «J'ai cherché » by Amir

- **Events :** check the websites of France in London and of the French Institute to check all events going on in London related to France and Francophone culture

Music tasks of the month – Choose one:

- Create a poem/song in French on a topic of your choice.
- Choose a song in French and translate its lyrics.
- Research information about 3 French singers, listen to their songs and try to give your opinion of them in French

French Music Fact:

- The most popular French song of all time is « Ne me quitte pas » by Jacques Brel. The song talks about a difficult break-up as Jacques begs his lover not to leave him. The song was translated in more than 25 different languages, the English version is « If you go away » sang here by Frank Sinatra