Spanish AS preparation

Essential tasks:

1. Prepare a presentation in Spanish about what you have done over the summer holidays, bring a PPT including photos to the first lesson and be prepared to ask and answer questions about your long holiday.

2. Create an A4 page summarising each of the following grammar points. This could take the form of a mind-map or detailed notes, whichever way is easiest for you to learn. Bring this to the first lesson. The present, perfect, imperfect, near and simple future, conditional tenses.
   Extension: Research the pluperfect and subjunctive tenses.

Additional tasks:

Grab a Fanta naranja and browse for new Spanish bands on Myspace. Or get a free account from **Spotify.com** and discover something more mainstream. You could use the bestseller lists on **amazon.es** to get you started.

Find a Spanish poem and develop your Spanish accent by learning it by heart. Can you translate it? Try http://www.donquijote.org/spanishlanguage/love/love.poems.asp for some ideas

Download some 'cool' Spanish. http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/cool/

Take the national Gallery's printed trail to find out more about Spanish art and artists.. Download the trail from their website. http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/search?q=spanish

Set up a Twitter account (**twitter.com**) and start tweeting in Spanish. Find interesting Spanish people to follow.

Explore Spanish film. Both Pedro Almodóvar and Guillermo del Toro have had their films shown on British television, and there are loads of Spanish DVDs available. Try amazon.com or amazon.es for lists of films.

Have a look at the (free) events offered at the Instituto Cervantes in London. http://londres.cervantes.es/en/culture_spanish/culture_spanish.htm

Websites

http://www.esfacil.eu/es/
Spanish is easy! Improve your control of verb tenses.
http://www.rtve.es/noticias/telediario-4/
What is happening? The main news in the "Telediario", 4 minutes video
Www.elpais.com
More news! If you prefer to read instead of watching…
http://www.videoele.com/menu_A2.html
http://www.videoele.com/menu_B1.html
Watch some videos, and do the activities related to them. First link lower level. If it is too easy, move to the second. Try to choose one with "guía didáctica". They also include answers and transcription
www.advancematerials.co.uk Username: HCC Password: HCC7923
A site where you can access reading and listening activities, online newspapers, quizzes and games etc with links to relevant AS and A2 topics.
http://www.veintemundos.com/en/ - Great website where you can listen to articles whilst reading the transcripts. Intermediate and advanced level.
http://www.espanish.org.uk/elearning/spanish-tv/ - Webpage with links to a range of Spanish tv programmes.
http://www.as.com/
http://www.marca.com/ For those interested in football and sports, look at all the information on the various events in these popular sport newspapers!