

Why study this subject at Hayesfield?

French is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, and France is Britain's largest trading partner and a popular tourist destination. French language skills show employers you have excellent communication and people skills as well as intercultural understanding. Universities like to see applications from students with a broad education; this includes an A Level in a language. French can be combined with most other subjects at university and the bonus is you get to spend a year abroad as part of your course.

Studying French at Hayesfield will give you the opportunity to visit Montpellier in October, rather than stay in rainy England!

Course content - Year 12

Les changements dans la société française: changes in family structure, education, world of work.

La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones: music, media, festival and traditions.

Course content - Year 13

L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française: integration, multiculturalism.

L'Occupation et la Résistance: life in the Vichy regime, occupied France, anti-semitism, French Resistance, the importance of Jean Moulin and Charles de Gaulle.

Assessment

Paper 1 - Listening, reading and translation - 40%.

Paper 2 - Written response to works and translation - 30%.
Based on the study of either two works of French literature or one work of literature and one film.

Paper 3 - Speaking (internally conducted) - 30%.

Entry requirements and subject specific skills

Grade 6 in GCSE French or language competence at a similar level.

This subject works well with

Anything! Languages can be studied alongside any other subject, in Sixth Form and at university level. Learning languages helps to increase employment and travel opportunities.

Extra/Super curricular activities

The World Languages Faculty runs trips and exchanges for Sixth Form students to France, Germany and Spain.

There is local university input, in the form of seminars and study visits.

The opportunity to complete work experience abroad is available, and looks very good on university and employment application forms.

Future Pathways

International trade, working for the EU, Travel and Tourism, Education, the Civil Service, MI5 and MI6, the fashion industry, the Diplomatic Service.

Recent exam success

100% A*-C.

86% A*-B (compared to 66% A*-B Nationally).