



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES SPANISH & FRENCH OFFERED A LEVEL (Edexcel)



The Bourne Academy is pleased to enable students to develop and build on the Spanish /French skills they acquired at GCSE. A-level develops an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning and encourages students to consider their study of the language in a broader context.

A level Spanish / French is a two year course. A levels will now be fully linear, with students sitting their exams at the end of the two-year course.

What will you learn?

A Level comprises of four topics:

Year 1:

- **Topic 1: Contemporary social issues and trends** – Evolution to family life, impact of tourism, working life, education systems.
- **Topic 2: Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture in French/Spanish speaking world** – Media, Music, Fashion festivals and traditions

Year 2:

- **Topic 3: Contemporary social issues** – Immigration, challenges and public opinions
- **Topic 4: Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture** – Civil War, Franco dictatorship, transition from dictatorship to democracy (Spanish) – Occupation, Vichy regime, The Resistance (French)

There are some compulsory themes: social issues and trends, political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture.

How will you be assessed?

A level Spanish / French is 100% examination at the end of year 2.

Examinations:

New Assessment Objective around knowledge and understanding of the target language culture - students will need to demonstrate this in the Edexcel specification in the speaking and writing components.

Listening, Reading and translation (2 hours 40% of the qualification)

- Section A: Listening (30 marks)
- Section B: Reading (30 marks)
- Section C: Translation into English (20 marks) An unseen passage to be translated from Spanish to English.

Written response to works and translation: (2 hours and 40 minutes 30% of the qualification)

Speaking (presentation on an independent research project)

- Section A: Translation (20 marks) Students translate an unseen passage from English into Spanish. Section
- B: Written response to works (literary texts) (50 marks) Students must write an extended response on either one or two of the literary texts listed
- Section C: Written response to works (films) (50 marks)

Speaking (between 21 and 23 minutes 30% of the qualification 72 marks)

- Task 1 (discussion on a Theme)
- Task 2, Part 1 (independent research presentation)
- Task 2, Part 2 (discussion on independent research)

Where will it take you?

An A level in a Modern foreign language is highly regarded by universities as it provides a sound basis for further study. Being fluent in another language will not only facilitate foreign travel and provide an insight into another culture and society, it will strongly enhance employment prospects for a wide range of occupations and sectors. If you are interested in a job in education, diplomatic services, customer services, international marketing, transport industries and some areas of law and finance, a modern foreign language can become a central part or a useful tool of your career.

Who to talk to?

Mr L Launo (Spanish co-ordinator) or email launo.lorenzo@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course?

Students will need to have five or more A*-C grades at GCSE. You must have at least a grade B in GCSE Spanish/French, although we would strongly recommend you have grade A or A*. You also need a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the Spanish / French language and culture.