

# Modern Foreign Languages

## 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.

## Entry Requirements

- **Minimum Standard:** Five or more grades at 4+ in GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths.
- **Additional Criteria:** Minimum standard with a 6+ in the language being studied.

## What will you learn?

A level Spanish or French is a two year course with students sitting their exams at the end of the two-year course. There are 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 inwar, 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, Franco dictatorship, transition to dictatorship to democracy (Spanish)- Occupation, Vichy Regime, The Resistance (French)

## How will you learn?

You will develop your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills while exploring contemporary society, culture and history in French or Spanish-speaking countries.

You will study literary works and/or films, develop your translation skills and undertake an independent research project in preparation for your speaking assessment.

Throughout the course, you will build your confidence in communicating in the language and develop a deeper understanding of the culture and society of the countries where it is spoken.

## How will you be assessed?

# 40%

Paper 1 – 40% Listening, reading and translation.

# 30%

Paper 2 – 30% Written response to works and translation.

# 30%

Paper 3 – 30% Speaking assessment

## Where will it take you?

Studying a modern foreign language can support progression to university, further study and a wide range of careers. Language skills are particularly valuable in international business, travel and tourism, education, translation, communications and roles involving working with people and organisations overseas.

## Who should you talk to?

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