

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.

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 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).

How will you be assessed?

Examinations:

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 French/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 French/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).

Who to talk to?

Please speak to Ms Alexa Bellingham (Subject lead for MFL) or email: alexa.bellingham@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. A grade 6 or higher in GCSE Spanish/French, ideally 7/8/9.