



A Level Spanish (Edexcel)

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

In order to be considered for this course, students must achieve a grade 6 or above in Spanish at GCSE. Students should have a secure knowledge of key tense formations and other key grammatical rules. This course is suitable for students who have a real passion for languages and who are proactively searching opportunities to develop their knowledge of the language. The students should enjoy studying authentic written and multimedia materials.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS ADVANCED GCE COURSE?

Our aim is to develop further the four skills acquired at GCSE: listening, speaking, reading and writing. During the course, students will explore a range of topics with the emphasis very much on the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

COURSE CONTENT

Material for study at both levels is drawn from the following topic areas:

The Evolution of Spanish Society

- The change in family structure; the working world; the impact of tourism on Spain

The Political and Artistic Culture in the Spanish Speaking World

- Music and its impact on contemporary culture; media and its impact on society and politics; festivals, customs and traditions.

Spanish-Language Film

- *El Laberinto del Fauno* by Guillermo del Toro

Immigration and the Multicultural Spanish Society

- The positive impact of immigration on Spanish society; facing up to the challenges of immigration and integration in Spain; the social and public reactions towards immigration in Spain

The Franco Dictatorship and the Transition to Democracy

- The Civil War and the rise of Franco (1936-1939); the Franco dictatorship; the transition to democracy

Spanish-Language Literature

- *Como Agua Para Chocolate* – Laura Esquivel

WHAT WILL I DO?

Students are encouraged to immerse themselves in the language and culture of the countries where the language is spoken. Target language is widely used in lessons and students are encouraged to participate in oral discussions in Spanish. Outside the classroom, students are encouraged to read widely in the target language, to listen to radio broadcasts of foreign language stations and to watch TV programmes and films in Spanish.

Each student will spend an hour per week with our Spanish language assistant to develop his/her listening and speaking skills. All students must undertake extra study in either the multi-media ICT suite or as part of their private study at home.

It is recommended that students spend as much time as possible in Spain. We hope to be able to offer the opportunity for our Year 12 & 13 students to participate in a cultural study visit to Spain at the beginning of July.

For further information about career opportunities using foreign languages visit:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages>

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