

Languages

AS and A2 LEVEL (FRENCH and SPANISH)

Overview

This is a post-GCSE course. As well as a coursebook texts , you will work on video and audio materials and a number of internet sources. All language work is firmly linked to contemporary issues and life in France/Spain and other French/ Spanish speaking countries.

There are chances to develop further authentic French/Spanish material with the help of our Language Assistants. At year 13 you will also watch and analyse one or two French / Spanish feature films.

Entry requirements

You need to have at least a Grade B in GCSE French / Spanish (the great majority of entrants have Grade B or better). These requirements are in addition to be a student within the Consortium.

Course outline and Topics

As Level

Unit 1: Spoken Expression and Response in French/Spanish: (SPEAKING)

Topic-based conversation on:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: Health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the French / Spanish- world
- Education and employment.

Unit 2: Understanding and written Response in French / Spanish: (Listening, Reading and Writing)

Comprehension recordings and texts based on authentic material on the same topics as above.

A2 Level

Unit 3: Understanding and Spoken Response in French / Spanish : (SPEAKING)

A presentation and discussion of either a film , a book or a region of France / Spain or the French / Spanish –speaking world

Unit 4: Research, Understanding and Written Response in French / Spanish: Listening, Reading and Writing)

Comprehension recordings and texts on A2 topics (environmental issues, social and political issues); the paper includes o short translation from English into French /Spanish , and a research which must be related to the four research- based essay topic areas for this unit.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Exams:

AS: Unit 1 : 30% of the total As marks and 15% of the total GCE marks

Unit 2: 70% of the total As marks and 35% of the total GCE marks

A2 : Unit 3: 35% of the total A2 marks and 17.5% of the total GCE marks

Unit 4: 65% of the total A2 marks and 32.5 % of the total GCE marks

(AS) students are required to get at least a grade D in order to start A2.

Assessment Requirements:

No Coursework or Controlled Assessment

Examination 100% . All students will be assessed by Edexcel

Progression/ Pathway

Students progress to a wide variety of destinations. Typically 30% take a degree involving languages, often combining French/ Spanish with another subject such as law, Business, tourism. Students going on to employment or training progress into areas such as retail and leisure and tourism. Overall the knowledge of a European language increases your career prospects, whatever you choose to specialise in.

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