

AS/A LEVEL FRENCH AND SPANISH

Entry requirements - 5 grade A-C at GCSE and a GCSE Grade B or better in a Language.

The European Union has created a huge demand for young people with foreign language skills. The British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) has drawn attention to the importance of conducting negotiations in the language of the customer and industry and commerce as displaying a growing awareness of the value of foreign languages. The time is, therefore, particularly opportune for students to begin an 'A' Level Language course.

An 'A' Level in a Modern Foreign Language enables students to progress from GCSE standard to a level where they have the necessary language skills to understand advanced spoken and written French, Spanish and German from a wide variety of sources and communicate with confidence orally and in writing.

Students will use:

- A wide variety of authentic spoken and written materials.
- Radio and TV programmes, especially current affairs and news items, satellite TV, internet, e-mail and video conferencing (in the fullness of time).
- Films (visits to Pictureville)
- Newspapers and magazines

They will be expected to spend a proportion of their own time in personal study and follow-up topics using the materials and resources available to develop and broaden their language skills.

Modules of work to be covered in all languages include:

Year 12 – AS Level

Leisure and Lifestyles: including travel and tourism, sport, hobbies, entertainment, customs, traditions, healthy living and unhealthy living.

The Individual and Society: including relationships and responsibilities, gender issues, youth culture, education, vocational training and careers.

Year 13—A2 Level

Environmental issues: including Pollution, global warming, transport, nuclear energy, conservation, recycling.

Social and Political Issues: including the role of media, racism, immigration, terrorism, world of work.

Students who are offered the opportunity to take 4 'AS' Levels in Year 12 should consider taking a Modern Foreign Language for one year to 'AS' level. Many universities and employers give credit to those students who take a language subject beyond GCSE.