



**I. Examination board  
and course title:  
A-level French and  
Spanish  
Edexcel**



## 2. Course overview

Studying A level French and Spanish at George Dixon Academy will enable you to develop

- Practical skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in a globally important language.
- An enthusiasm and knowledge of the French and Spanish speaking world. An appreciation of French and Hispanic culture.
- a development of essential language skills that many employers see as an asset in an ever more globalized world.
- an appropriate and relevant foundation of knowledge that can be used as a stepping stone to the future study of French and Spanish (or another Modern Foreign Language) in Higher Education.

## 3. Assessment outline

AS Spanish is a stand-alone (1 year) course and consists of the following examinations:

### **Unit 1 Spoken Expression and Response in French and Spanish (50 marks)**

- 8-10 minute spoken assessment in 2 parts
- Section A – 4 Edexcel set questions on a topic area of the students choice
- Section B – general discussion on the same general topic area and sub-topics that arise from the first four questions led by the teacher.

## **Unit 2 Understanding and written response in French and Spanish (70 marks)**

- 45 minute listening assessment. Students have control of the recording and may stop and re-listen to sections as required within the 45 minute period. Questions will be posed in the target language. (20 marks)

The next 1 hour 45 minutes students will complete:

- Reading assessment of authentic French and Spanish language materials (20 marks)
- Writing assessment of 200-220 words in which students will respond to four- six bullet points on a stimulus.

The A level assessment requirements are as follows:

## **Unit 3 Understanding and Spoken Response in French and Spanish (50 marks)**

- 11-13 minute assessment. Students will need to spend 1 minute outlining their stance towards a particular issue covered in one of the topic areas. They should then justify and defend their views for up to 4 minutes. The teacher will then initiate spontaneous discussion on two further topic areas for the remainder of the conversation.
- Translation exercise from English to French and Spanish of around 80 words (10 marks).
- An essay of 240-270 words on a choice of seven questions. This will involve discursive or creative writing (45 marks).

- A research based essay that must relate to culture and/or society of a French or Spanish language country or community. Students, under the direction of their teacher, will have freedom to determine the content of their research but it must involve either geographical area; historical study; aspects of modern society; literature and the arts (45 marks).

## **4. Entry requirements**

Students must have achieved at least a Grade B in GCSE French or Spanish.

## **5. Career pathways.**

Industries for linguists are varied and include:

- Positions in multi-national businesses such as banks like Santander
- Translators and interpreters
- Travel and tourism
- Hospitality
- Journalism
- Working within the EU