

## Modern Languages Faculty

### Course Information

#### Spanish

About the course

##### **A Level Spanish**

The A-level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree. The specification has been designed to be studied over two years. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism. Students also study aspects of the political landscape including the future of political life in the Hispanic world by focusing on young people and their political engagement. The choice of works (literary texts and films) offers opportunities to link with the themes so that, for example, the novel *Crónica de una muerte anunciada* could be linked to the sub-theme of relationships, machismo, and traditional values while the film *El Laberinto del Fauno* could be connected to the sub-theme of rebellion.

Method of assessment

- Listening, Reading & Translation examination: Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes. Students will translate a passage of at least 100 words from Spanish into English and 100 words from English into Spanish. (100 marks)
- Writing: Duration: 2 hours (80 marks)
- Speaking examination: Duration: 21–23 minutes. Student will present the findings of his or her research for up to two minutes. (60 marks)

Entry requirements

5 A\*-C grades at GCSE with a B grade or above in Spanish.

Possible subject career paths

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## French

### About the course

#### AS Level

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