



Sandwell Academy

Advanced General Certificate of Education (AS and A2) SPANISH

WHY SPANISH?

With more and more students now taking up University places, the competition on the job market is reaching its peak, making it even more challenging for Graduates to find suitable employment. You therefore need to offer a potential employer an added extra to other candidates. This is where language learning can maximise your potential, as, students who possess the ability to speak a fluent level of Spanish, possess an extremely marketable and sought after skill.

With increased industry and trade links with Europe, the relevance and value of a foreign language have never been more obvious. Spanish is the world's 3rd most spoken language and is the second most used language in international communication, and an official language of the UN and its organisations. Its importance in the economic field is growing faster than any other language as Spanish is the key to control business relationships with South America.

As well as studying a language for teaching, translation or interpreting, many students are now studying foreign languages alongside a number of other subjects in order to widen future job prospects in professions such as:

Accounting and Banking
Business administration

Hospitality and catering
Law

A language can in fact compliment any other choice of subjects and provide you with a life long skill that can open up a whole new world of film, literature, art, sport etc.

Advanced Level Spanish aims to provide students with a thorough knowledge of the language and an ability to speak confidently with a high degree of fluency and accuracy and will include elements of all the following:

Spoken Spanish
Interpreting
History

Listening skills
Translation
Literature

Reading skills
Grammar
Film

Written Spanish
Social Culture

Throughout the two year course, students will be given plenty of opportunity to put their language skills into practice. They will be encouraged to listen to Spanish radio and watch as much Spanish TV as they can, in addition to reading current newspapers and magazines. Students will also be encouraged to spend as much time in Spain as they can, with the possibility of taking part in a school exchange.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish

COURSE DETAILS

Sandwell Academy will follow the Edexcel exam specification.

- Standalone AS qualification (no longer counting towards the A level). A levels will now be fully linear, with students sitting their exams at the end of the two-year course. AS students can go on to take the A level in year 2, but the AS qualification will not count towards the A level.
- Set literature at A level (choice of text or film at AS). All assessed through a target language essay.
- Independent research project at A level assessed within the speaking exam.
- Compulsory themes: social issues and trends, political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture.
- New Assessment Objective around knowledge and understanding of the target language culture - students will need to demonstrate this in the Edexcel specification in the speaking and writing components.

For further details, see the full specification on line:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/spanish-2016.html>

