

# SPANISH



<b>Qualification:</b>	<b>GCSE</b>
<b>Available to:</b>	<b>All students</b>
<b>Awarding Body:</b>	<b>EDEXCEL</b>

## COURSE OVERVIEW

GCSE Spanish builds up on the understanding developed at KS2 and KS3 and provides a firm foundation for students to make a smooth transition to A levels. Through the exploration of familiar themes students are encouraged to learn about the culture and the language of the Spanish speaking world whilst building their confidence in roleplay dialogs and general discussion, making references to past, present and future events. The four language skills (Listening, Writing, Speaking and Reading) are set in common contexts, addressing a range of relevant contemporary and cultural themes.

## SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need to demonstrate resilience and resourcefulness. You will also have to take responsibility for your own learning, which will mean reading/listening in your own time. This will enhance your understanding of Spanish. Are you self-motivated? Do you have an interest in other ways of life and culture? Are you prepared to learn things off by heart? Then Spanish is for you.

## POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES

Employers are impressed by students who have studied Spanish. More and more companies are trading with Spanish-speaking countries. Knowledge of the language really does make a difference when dealing with your clients. Spanish is not just a key language of trade but also of culture, law, science and politics. A GCSE in a modern language is highly desirable if not an essential requirement for entry into the best universities. Having a knowledge of a foreign language is widely recognised as an integral part of being a well-educated person.

## ASSESSMENT

Each of the four skills are tested separately and each is worth 25% of the final grade awarded. Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking will be tested in a single exam at the end of the course. Speaking consists of three tasks in a single recorded session: Role play, questions about a picture and a conversation on two topics, the first of which is chosen by the student.