



TEACHERS SAY...

The course allows you to acquire advanced knowledge and understanding of the language and culture and to boost your confidence with speaking. You will explore news topics and develop your critical thinking along the way.

YOUR NOTES

Course Overview:

MFL A levels vary most from GCSE in that they are a far more intellectual experience. You will find yourself studying popular culture and sociological situations on the A level courses and will greatly develop confidence in critical thinking and expression both in speaking and writing. Reading and listening use far more authentic materials and these are also good stimuli for your own work.

Topics covered

First year of A-level	Second year of A-level
Theme 1: Changes to society in the French or Spanish speaking world. Family structures and trends in anthropology. Education and the world of work.	Theme 3 Immigration and multicultural society.
Theme 2: The culture of politics and the arts in the French or Spanish speaking world	Theme 4: Occupation and Resistance (French) / The Franco dictatorship and transition to democracy.

A level French and Spanish

Examination Board:



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Entry requirements: Five 9 to 4 (A* to C) with a minimum 6 (B) in French or Spanish.

Type of Assessment:

Assessments will take the form of listening, speaking, reading and writing exams. There are three assessments at the end of the course. A 2 hour paper covering listening, translating and reading, worth 40%. A 2 hour 40 minute paper covering translation and written response to works, worth 30%. Finally a 23 minute speaking assessment worth 30%

This course goes well with:

English, Business studies, any Humanities courses.

Possible degree options:

A language qualification can be part of almost any degree as well as studying the language as a single course. Some university courses are literature based however there are also options to mix with politics, history and other social sciences. MFL degrees almost always include a year of study in another country which is an excellent experience.

What can I do now to help me prepare for my course?

These are very rewarding, but demanding A levels. The best thing you can do at this stage is simply to work hard at your GCSE. The courses are natural progressions of each other in terms of skills but there is also much consolidating of prior knowledge as spontaneity and independence are more highly valued.

Outside of your regular studies you can boost your level by reading authentic texts such as leaflets and websites. Some journalistic articles will also be accessible but it is still important to bear in mind that there are a lot of words you won't know and not to be put off!

Travel and communication with native speakers can also be a great asset if it is possible for you.

www.edexcel.com	This will give you lots of course information. Please don't try to read it all though!
A level Student workbooks	Lots of providers such as CGP and Letts
www.linguascope.com	You have the school username and password. Focus on the intermediate site and try making some cartoons
http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects	Huge number of resources covering all topics found at GCSE and A level.
wikipedia	This much maligned website has a translate function which is better than average. You can switch back at any time and it is good for non fiction reading on a huge range of topics.
Le monde / le Figaro newspapers	Both available online and whilst by no means an easy read there will be accessible articles.

Literacy, when you ...

..engage in any kind of language work. A level French or Spanish will hugely boost your literacy.

Numeracy, when you...

...work on texts involving surveys and data.

ICT, when you...

..research the sociological topics or find articles to read. Work with recording software.

Possible career options:

A level French or Spanish and language study at university can lead to a myriad of careers including:

Work in the travel industry

Hospitality

Communications

Logistics

Teacher or Lecturer

Journalism

Interpreting and translating

Business and finance