

Foreign Languages



HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Introduction

At Birmingham Ormiston Academy GCSE we aim to offer courses in **French and Spanish**.

French and Spanish GCSE courses aim to:

- develop your ability to use the language effectively in a variety of realistic situations
- provide a suitable foundation for further study or practical use
- develop your knowledge and understanding of France or Spain
- provide enjoyment and intellectual stimulation.

What will I learn on this course?

- How to use a language effectively in a variety of realistic situations.
- You will study four topic areas, two in Year 10 and two in Year 11: Lifestyle, Leisure, Home & Environment, Work & Education.
- You will develop your use of vocabulary and grammar.
- You will learn more about the rich culture of a specific language-speaking world.
- You will provide yourself with a suitable foundation for further study or practical use of a foreign language.

How is the course structured?

- The course is divided into the four key skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Listening and reading skills are examined at the end of the course, contributing 40% of the final mark (each of the two skill areas carries 20%).
- Written and speaking internal Controlled Assessments are carried out over the two years and contribute to 60% of the final mark. These are moderated externally by Edexcel.
- You will be entered at either Foundation or Higher level for each of your final exams.

Other information

A GCSE grade C in any of the languages offered on the curriculum at Birmingham Ormiston Academy (French or Spanish) is one of the qualifications required for the new **English Baccalaureate**.

Edexcel GCSE French (Code:2FR01)

Edexcel GCSE Spanish (Code: 2SP01)

