

# GCSE Modern Languages

## French or Spanish



### What will I learn on this course?

- Develop your ability to use the language effectively in a variety of real life 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.

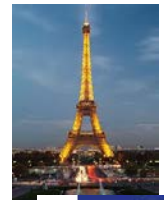
### How is the course structured?

- **Theme 1:** Identity and culture (Me, my family and friends; Technology in everyday life; Free-time activities; Customs and festivals)
- **Theme 2:** Local, national, international and global areas of interest (Home, town, region; Social issues; Charity/voluntary work; Healthy living; Global issues; Travel and tourism)
- **Theme 3:** Current and future study and employment (My studies; Life at school/college; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions)



### How will I study?

- The course is divided into the four key skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing all contributing to 25% of the final GCSE grade. All skills are examined at the end of the course, with no controlled assessment .



### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1** - Listening exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier). 40/50 marks

**Paper 2** - Speaking exam. 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier). 60 marks

**Paper 3** - Written exam : 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier). 60 marks

**Paper 4** - Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier). 50/60marks



### 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 **English Baccalaureate**.

