

# A Level Spanish

## Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

You will be taught by excellent, well qualified teachers who put students at the heart of the curriculum. We keep languages class sizes small, to enable tutors to give you a higher level of support in this challenging, highly rewarding subject.

You will learn in a pleasant, well equipped language base with IT facilities via a variety of learning methods which include interactive computer based activities. You will participate in a range of cultural activities and university trips, visits by guest speakers and the opportunity for trips abroad.

You will develop an interest in and enthusiasm for language learning. You will develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres, which will in turn enhance your understanding of English. You will learn how to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in the language. You will also develop awareness and understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of the countries where the language is spoken. You will also develop a range of transferable skills from debating to researching and in doing so you will gain in confidence and independence as a learner.

## What will I study?

You will develop the four key skills of reading, listening, writing and speaking that you started at GCSE as well as translation. You will also improve your ability to communicate effectively both in speaking and writing by studying, researching and discussing a range of exciting topics. These topics are centred around Spanish-speaking societies and their evolution over time in terms of social, cultural and historical events. You will gain a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

In the first year, you will study a range of social issues and trends, aspects of the political and artistic culture of the countries where the language is spoken as well as the study of a literary text or a film. In the second year, you will study a further two major topics, the multicultural society and recent historical events, plus a literary text and a film.

## How will I be assessed?

Short grammar tests, written homework assignments (translations, listening and reading comprehension), timed essays, mock examinations (including speaking), group work and presentations.

Assessment is in three exams: 1. Listening, reading and translation (50%), written response, (20%) and speaking exam (30%).

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths, and a Grade 5 in Spanish.

## Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

It is a requirement that you have studied Spanish at GCSE.

## A Centre of Excellence

French and Spanish are taught by native speaking tutors in the MFL Zone, which is well equipped with PCs, a projector and group workspace. Students are able to practise and develop their linguistic skills in an authentic and supportive environment. The MFL department encourages and promotes collaborative and independent learning among students in college.

## Be inspired

Also, there are opportunities to visit local universities and to take part in language competitions in order to further develop and showcase students' abilities.



**Please note:**  
all of our A Level subjects must be studied as part of a full time A Level programme. You will choose 3 A level subjects to study over two years.

## Enrichment Opportunities

You may choose to participate in a vast range of enrichment activities whether they are related to foreign languages or not. You may sample taster sessions in other foreign languages, join a creative writing group or choir or if you are sporty, there is a range of teams you could join.

## What can this course lead on to?

Studying a Modern Foreign Language in today's global economy can open a wide range of career opportunities to you. Many employers look for potential employees with language skills.

At degree level, you can choose to study a pure language degree or combine it with a subject of your choice, for example, Business, History, Politics, Law, English and many more.

## Any additional costs?

If you participate in any trips, for example, revision days, film study workshops or trips abroad, you will have to pay for your ticket and for transport.

## Activities

Our highly skilled staff provide full enrichment and enhancement activities both within and outside the classroom to further stretch the students.

## What have previous students said about this subject?

"The grammatical focus in A Level Spanish has pushed me academically, and I have enjoyed studying Spanish cinema and the insightful social topics. I hope to study Spanish at university and prolong my study of the language"  
(Andy Smith, Past student)

## Meet the Students

Name:  
**Zuzanna Niedzialek**

Previously from:  
**Ormiston Chadwick Academy,  
Widnes**

Destination:  
**Year abroad studying Spanish**

Studied:  
**A Level Spanish  
A Level Geography  
A Level Sociology**



## Outstanding Results 2021

A\*-A 57%  
A\*-B 100%  
A\*-C 100%