

# Spanish A Level

## Edexcel

**This is an exam-based qualification and it focuses on grammar as well as on the Spanish-speaking countries' culture data. It includes an independent research carried out by the students for the speaking paper.**

### Course Structure

The course consists of the following areas of study:

- Evolving society in Spain.
- Political and artistic culture in Spanish-speaking countries.
- Immigration and the Spanish multicultural society
- Franco's dictatorship and transition to democracy.
- Viewing and analysis of the Spanish film *Volver*.
- Reading and analysis of a Mexican film: *Como Agua Para Chocolate*.

### Skills & Knowledge

You will study materials from the digital news and the Spanish textbook to discuss typical Spanish current affairs to broaden your interest and knowledge of Spanish culture as well as specific vocabulary on the topics. You will expand your information seeking skills and you will write two essays: one about a Spanish film and the other about a Mexican novel in order to develop your literacy skills. In addition, you will translate two texts from Spanish to English and vice versa.

### Assessment

The exam consists of three papers:

- Paper 1- Listening, reading and a translation to English (40%).
- Paper 2- Written response to works and translation to Spanish (30%).
- Paper 3- Speaking (30%).

### Opportunities & Enrichment

You will have the opportunity to take part in a trip to The British Museum to broaden your cultural knowledge about the distinctive regional cultures that flourished in what is now Mexico. In addition, you will also enjoy a visit to the permanent Salvador Dali gallery in the South Bank to expand your knowledge of one of the most popular Spanish painters experiencing at the same time Capital culture first hand, being by the river Thames and the emblematic surrounding architecture. You will also benefit from the stories you will immerse into within our Spanish reading scheme of adapted versions of the classics and other modern stories, which you can borrow from our Learning Resource Centre. Furthermore, you will participate in a master class webinar organised by RADLEY college in Oxfordshire about the text studied, *Como Agua Para Chocolate*.

### Future Careers & Pathways

Knowledge of foreign languages is a real asset in many jobs and can lead to exciting careers both in the UK and abroad, such as interpreter, translator of documents for the NHS for instance, you could also joining the foreign office or work for the UN, or be a MFL teacher for schools or companies, tour guide, journalism etc. Spanish is an important European language and it is spoken in Central and much of South America.