

## Modern Languages

### A Level Languages

We offer A Level French and Spanish at Shelley College. All students have 9 hours of lessons per fortnight with one additional compulsory speaking lesson with our French and/or Spanish FLA, every week.

#### A Level Spanish

Students study the following themes over the two year A Level course:

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Artistic Culture in the Hispanic world
- Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world.

#### A Level French

Students study the following themes over the two year A Level course:

- Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
- Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
- Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the French-speaking worlds

All A Level French/Spanish students must also study **either** one text and one film or two texts, as decided by their class teacher.

In Year 13 students will carry out an individual research project, on a subject or key question which interests them and relates to one of the countries where French/Spanish is spoken. Students are assessed on this in their final speaking exam in Year 13.

Grammar: All students will study the grammatical system and structures of French/Spanish during the two year course.

Homework: Completion of regular homework is essential at A Level. Students are set 3-4 hours of homework every week. They are also expected to carry out independent learning of vocabulary at home and prepare for FLA lessons.

#### Assessment

There are three exams at A Level French/Spanish: **Paper 1, Paper 2 & Paper 3.**

#### Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

50% of A Level.

Written exam : 2 hours 30  
minutes 100 marks

##### **Listening Section**

Candidates listen & respond to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources. Questions will target main points, gist and detail. Students will have individual control of the recording.(30 marks)

## **Reading Section**

This section comprises reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources.(50 marks)

## **Writing Section**

Translation into English; a passage of 100 words minimum. (10 marks)

Translation into French/Spanish; a passage of 100 words minimum. (10 marks)

*No access to a dictionary during the assessment.*

## **Paper 2: Writing**

20% of A Level

Written exam: 2

hours 80 marks

*Candidates are assessed on:*

- One literary text and one film **or** 2 literary texts from the set lists
- Grammar

This paper consists of :

- **Either** one essay in French/Spanish on a set text from a choice of two questions and one essay in French/Spanish on the film, **or** 2 essays in French/Spanish on set literary texts from a choice of two questions.
- All essay questions will require a critical response to aspects such as plot, characterisation, imagery and other stylistic features, as appropriate to the work studied.

*No access to texts, films or a dictionary during the assessment.*

*Students are advised to write approximately 300 words for each essay.*

## **Paper 3: Speaking**

30% of A Level

Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) 60 marks

Candidates will be assessed on an individual research project and one of the sub-themes from the specification.

In the speaking exam students will take part in a discussion of a sub-theme, with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5-6 minutes). This will be followed by a presentation & discussion of the individual research project.

(Approximately 12 minutes)

