

# **Modern Foreign Languages: French or Spanish**

## **Examination Board: AQA**

### **Why study a foreign language?**

Advanced language skills are a useful commodity in today's employment market. Unemployment amongst language graduates nationally is historically low.

Multi-national companies actively seek employees able to function in at least one other language. At university the study of languages and linguistics can be combined with non-language subjects. e.g. Law with a language, Business and Computer Studies with a language, a Science subject with a language, to name but a few. Graduates can take up a wide variety of careers, including accountancy, marketing, sales, personnel, journalism, management, teaching, the civil service, the media, interpreting and translation.

### **Entry Requirements**

Students must have followed the higher level GCSE syllabus, as this contains the essential grammar and vocabulary required to deal with the A-level course. Additionally, students ought to have gained cultural knowledge and understanding, and have developed a wide range of language skills. A grade B at higher level GCSE is a minimum requirement, together with a proven commitment to the study of the language. There may also be an option to study a language to AS level or an 'ab initio' language at GCSE level, both of which would be spread over the two years of the student's Sixth Form career.

### **Subject Specification**

A-level

Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing: 2hrs. 30 minutes (40% of A-level)

Unit 2: Writing (Texts and Films) : 2hrs. (30% of A-level)

Unit 3: Oral exam (individual research project) : 16-18 minutes (30% of A-level)

### **Further Information**

Students or parents requiring any further details are most welcome to contact Mr L Bambridge, Head of MFL ([lcb@oswestryschool.org.uk](mailto:lcb@oswestryschool.org.uk)).

N.B. Native speakers of Russian, Chinese, German, Dutch etc. can be prepared to take A-level exams in their first language.

