

Spanish

What our students say...



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Subjects: **SPANISH**

BTEC PERFORMING ARTS

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High School:
De La Salle

What do you particularly enjoy about studying this subject?

I really love this subject because it gives you a chance to learn a great new language and different cultures. The subject has sparked an interest in me to go and explore the Spanish-speaking world more in the future and continue to learn. The Spanish conversation class is also great because it gives me the confidence to practice what I have been taught and improve on my speaking skills.

How much work is involved? (hours in lessons / outside of lessons)

At the minute there are three lessons that we have each week. Two, two-hour lessons with Dan and a 45-minute conversation class with Sandra. Both of these classes require you to do extra work outside of lessons so you improve on your writing, listening, reading and speaking skills. Learning a different language can be challenging sometimes, so revising and reminding yourself of things you have learnt is key in this subject.

If you studied the subject at GCSE how different is studying it at A Level/BTEC Level 3?

I studied Spanish at GCSE level and really enjoyed it; however, at A-Level, I think it is massively different. It is a lot more culture based and you learn more about the Spanish culture and also parts of Latin American culture too. There is more focus on your speaking skills as well, especially with the conversation class which is really helpful.

How are you assessed and how regularly?

We have assessments at different points throughout the year to make sure we are still on target and to see what needs to be improved. I get homework every week as well which gets marked with a score out of 100, a percentage and then the grade. This makes sure that every week I know that I'm on the right path.

What support have you received and is support available if you don't understand something?

There's always someone you can go to, to ask a question if you are unsure. Both teachers are there to answer any questions about homework that was set or something that you did in class. There are also, when we are in college, intervention classes on a Monday to go to if there's anything you want to go over or talk about. The teachers also respond to any messages or emails you send them and will give you the support.

Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?

I have talked about my career with a few members of college staff and would love to be an actor. However, learning Spanish is something that I still want to continue when I'm older because it interests me so much and it's a great language to have learnt.



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