

## Reward your learners with a Spanish qualification from Oxford Cambridge RSA Asset Languages

### What is available in Spanish?

- ▶ Externally assessed qualifications are available in all skills at Breakthrough, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced stages.
- ▶ Teacher Assessment Packs are available at Breakthrough, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced stages.

### Who is using Asset Spanish assessments?

To date, around **140,000** Asset qualifications have been awarded to Spanish learners and around **550** centres have already entered candidates for Spanish qualifications. These centres include Primary and Secondary schools, independent schools, FE colleges, universities and Adult Education centres.

At Birley Community College near Sheffield, Asset was introduced, "to motivate middle-ability learners in Year 9, to challenge learners taking a language at KS4 and... to ensure that the vast majority of language learners received an accreditation in this subject to justify three years of language learning," - according to Kerry Newman, Head of Languages.

### Are the qualifications recognised?

- ▶ External assessments are accredited by the main regulatory authorities and lead to a nationally recognised OCR qualification.
- ▶ Preliminary and Intermediate external assessments contribute towards the achievement and attainment points of the school.
- ▶ Advanced assessments earn UCAS tariff points.

At St Sebastian's RC Primary School and Arnot St Mary C of E Primary School, children in Year 6 who have learnt Spanish are given recognition for their skills. Advisory teacher, Sheila Grady, chose to use Asset "because the children have been receiving two Spanish lessons a week and I felt it was time for them to be externally assessed to show the level they had reached." Teresa Miller, Spanish co-ordinator at Arnot, acknowledges the hard work that is taking place on both sides to make transition as smooth as possible. "I send copies of the Asset certificates to secondary schools so they know exactly what every child has achieved. There are strong links between us and the secondaries now.

Each individual skill – listening, speaking, reading and writing – forms a separate qualification. All instructions, questions and answers are in English, so you don't have to read or write the language to take a listening or speaking test. To see more Spanish sample materials visit the Spanish page of the OCR website. <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/asset/languages/spanish/index.html>

### The Asset Languages story so far...

OCR Asset Languages is a unique assessment scheme to support language teaching from Primary to Secondary and through to Adult Education. Launched in 2005, Asset Languages was a key element of the National Languages Strategy and provides accreditation for the Languages Ladder. Asset has attracted around 2000 schools and colleges and is a main alternative language qualification.