Pedro Guerra started writing music for other very famous singers. Can you remember the beautiful song ‘Contamíname’ sung by Ana Belén? I guess you can. After this massive hit, the album went to number one in the album charts. In 1995 a record company gave him the chance to sing his own songs and his debut album Golosinas was also a big hit and soon he gained a reputation within the Spanish music scene and he also had and has a considerable following. In my opinion, Pedro Guerra is a sensitive musician and also a committed person. His lyrics often display a commitment to human rights. When listening to Pedro Guerra’s songs, you realise that his music always has some common factors. The characteristic features would be: catchy tunes, easy-to-listen music and a sentimental performance.

In his recently released album, for the first time, he sings pieces of music written by others. He chose very famous sad songs, what is more, with heartbreaking lyrics, and he decided that the tunes would only come out from his guitar. As a result, you can enjoy one of this year’s most intimate albums.

On the whole, I would say that this album is a good one, but… to be honest, I feel the lack of the strength in his voice and although the lyrics are heartbreaking, his voice and his music aren’t. Therefore, I would definitely recommend buying the original CD or even other versions, they are far better to listen to. There is no point in listening to ‘Sombras’ performed by Pedro Guerra when you can actually find much more delight in listening to the same song sung by Chavela Vargas.

By Anna Albeza, 17A

Innuendo (1991) was the latest recording studio album that Freddie Mercury –the artist name of Farrokh Bomiini Bulsara– made with his colleagues from Queen. This album was a complete success around music scenes of Europe; it appeared in the first position of album charts in the UK, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

In my opinion, Innuendo is a very complete album, with different types of music –beat, lyric, etc. You can chose a big variety of songs, from the deeply intimate and liberating “Innuendo” – the hit from the CD- to the friendly “These Are The Days Of Our Life”, from the comical and lovely “Delilah” to the dramatic an transcendental “Show must go on”.

I would recommend this album to anyone. The strength of its haunting melodies prove by itself the quality of the album. In conclusion, if you listen to it, you won’t feel disappointed.

By Ricardo Teruel, 17A

Alejandro Sanz has recorded 11 albums since 1991. His most famous album was Mas in 1997. It showed us that he was the best songwriter in Spain. The hit single was “Corazón partio” which was at top 5 of the album charts for seventy weeks. This track made a difference between the past and the future in his professional life.

Since he released this CD, Alejandro became one of the most successful singers all around the world. He had a huge following and started to go on tour around Europe and the United States. His particular voice, Andalusian and harsh, became music to every ear. Sometimes, he’s out of tune but it’s one of his characteristics. Thanks to that, the music sounds familiar.

I would recommend this CD to all people who want to listen to a moving and romantic tune. But, be careful! You could fall in love with him!

By Alejandra Lorente, 17A

Keane is an English piano rock music band from Battle, East Sussex, in the Southeast of England. The main feature of this group is that they play the piano as the main instrument instead of the guitar as other rock music groups do, but they also play other kinds of instruments such as drums. Their first album, HOPES AND FEARS, was a great hit in Europe and all over the world.

I think it is one of the best albums ever recorded in the world with a lot of catchy pop tunes that makes you feel really good. When you start listening to it, you feel on heaven, the lyrics talk to us about feelings, life, not only about love.

It’s a very elegant type of music and with the particular voice of Tom Chaplin, the singer. It’s the best option to cheer you up and feel absolutely great.

The more you listen to the CD, the better you feel, it’s well worth buying this album and, of course, I would recommend you listening to the other albums by this wonderful group and don’t forget that this is real music, you won’t regret, for sure.

By Juan Miguel Cutilias, 17A

‘Jueves’ is a song in the latest La Oreja de Van Gogh’s album, ‘A las 5 en el Astoria’. This song has become very popular in the last few weeks, as well as their album. This song commemorates the victims of the 11th March of 2004 terrorist attack in Madrid.

To my mind, this is one of the most emotional songs I’ve ever listened to. The sweetness of the new vocalist’s voice, Leire Martinez, makes this song a very special one. It is a slow song filled up with emotions, which reflects the pain of that unforgettable day. All the money collected with this song is donated to the victims of the terrorist attack.

I would definitely recommend listening to this song not only to pay tribute to the victims, but also because of its high quality.

By Javier Contreras, 17A
Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll (born February 2, 1977), known professionally as Shakira, is a Colombian singer-songwriter. Her CD *Fijación Oral Vol.1* came out in June 2005. Three days after its release, it had already sold a remarkable one million copies.

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Shakira received many awards for this album, including 1 Grammy and 5 Latin Grammies.

I would recommend buying this CD because all its songs are absolutely fantastic. It has very catchy songs and an excellent Latin rhythm to be danced.

By Cristina Sanz, 17A

For fans of easily listening and catchy pop tunes, "I'm yours" is all you need. "I'm yours" is the first single released by the USA singer-songwriter Jason Mraz from his third studio album "We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things". This hit single was immensely successful in the USA on the billboard Charts.

I would recommend listening to this song because I am sure you will love it from the first time you listen to it and you won't be able to get it out of your head. "I'm yours" is a positive and relaxing love song and it makes you imagine yourself sunbathing on a Caribbean beach.

By Veronica Chico, 17A

A new singer has just burst into the difficult world of the music. Cisco presented his first CD, Más que 7, yesterday night in the Wagner Theatre in Aspe.

People enjoyed listening to Cisco singing his ten new songs. In my opinion, 'Devuelveme los besos' is the best expression of his incredible voice.

In this CD, we can find a personal, romantic kind of music with wonderful, catchy melodies which are directly addressed to the heart. Cisco writes a kind of music filled with emotions that doesn’t leave anybody indifferent.

His lyrics are pure poetry, deep and emotionally intense love verses.

As far as I am concerned, I shall buy this CD, I want to have these songs at home to listen to them quietly while I rest and get relaxed in my time off.

To sum up, in my opinion, this new job in the market is highly recommendable.

If you really love music you have to get it!

By Nieves Gómez, 17A

The Fratellis, a Scottish alternative rock band, recorded a new album titled Here we stand in 2008. The band is not so well known in Spain, but in England and Scotland it is a famous band which has been in the second position of UK music charts. They have singles like 'Henrietta' (their first single in their first album), 'Chelsea Dagger' (this song is played in Celtic Park every time that the Celtic Glasgow scores a goal) or 'Flathead' with a "hot" video clip.

I think Here we stand is a sequel of their first album Costello Music, and it is based on the way that the album is showed. The album has a lot of rhythmical songs, cheerful and confident lyrics, and a good drum performance.

My favourite song of Here we stand is 'A Heady Tale'. I love the rhythm of the drums, the piano and the guitars, and of course, the lyrics and the way the singer sings.

This CD gets better the more you listen to it, but I prefer listening to both CDs, because they are so good. I hope The Fratellis launch soon a new album to keep enjoying.

By Fernando Nicolás, 17A

By José Álvaro Rizo, 17A

Muse, the English alternative rock band, has released their fifth album called the Resistance. Their first single, Uprising, has been so successful that, in one day, it became number one in many countries.

This album is very different from the previous ones. It includes more classical style and many people say that most of the songs sound like the band Queen’s. With only one bassist, a guitarist that plays the piano and a great drummer, this band has become one of the most famous in their style. My favourite track is ‘Unnatural Selection’, in which you can find the most classical style and, next, it turns into the purest rock style.

The first time you listen to the songs, you think that they’re good but the more you listen to it, the better it becomes. I would recommend you buying this CD, I think you'll enjoy it.

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Music bands coming from the centre of Europe are being the new stars on the rock music scene. Best example is Tokio Hotel, a band from Germany. Their new album Humanoid is at the top of album charts. The new hit featured called ‘Automatic’ is a complete success in all Europe.

By Leticia Segura, 17A

Jason Mraz started singing in Britain many years ago, when he was really young, about eighteen years old. There, in Britain, Jason Mraz was well-known because he did great gigs in different famous pubs. His voice is really nice and the lyrics of their songs are lovely.

But he became really famous all over the world last year with his latest hit: ‘I’m yours’.

In this album, Jason Mraz makes a collection of those songs he used to sing when he wasn’t very famous. The album has got only nine pop tunes, most of them are love stories. I can’t pick one of them as my favourite song because all of them are really nice.

Well, the only negative thing I would say about this album is that some of the tunes could be very similar in spite of being a good album. Jason shows the world his artistic talent in it, so I would really recommend people buying it.

By Veronica Torres, 17A

The new Beatles’ album, is a compilation digitally remastered of the 12 original studio versions, some of them such as; ‘Let it be’, ‘Abbey road’ and ‘Yellow submarine’ had never been recorded in mono. It also includes ‘Magical mystery tour’ and ‘Past master vol. I and II’ (which are all the album tracks never released during their career) and DVDs with documentaries and photos.

The Beatles are considered a pop-rock band, they were singer-songwriters, their tracks are well-known: some of them lovely and unforgettable ballades, such as: ‘penny lane’, ‘yesterday’,... others have catchy tunes such as: ‘yellow submarine’, ‘Lucy in the sky with diamonds’... and some others are considered masterpieces such as: ‘sgt pepper’s’, in which they used the combination of orchestral instruments with innovative studio technology, with this album they revolutionized rock music.

The Beatles were one of the greatest bands in the story of pop, they changed the musical style, dressing habits and the way of thinking of young people in the 60s. Their music is undoubtedly great. However, when I have translated their lyrics, I have found some of them are very silly, so I prefer listening to their songs in English.

Although the sound in this album is improved by new technologies, in my opinion, it is very expensive, especially, if you already have the old CDs, so I think it is worth buying it only if you are a big Beatles’ fan or an expert in music.

By Inmaculada Quiles, 17A

In April, I bought the last album of The Fray, which had been released in February 2009, after their massive hit “How to save a life” and went straight to number one in only one week. The Fray is a band from Denver, they play pop-rock music and the band is composed of four boys.

From my point of view, it’s a fantastic album with very interesting and moving lyrics and very catchy choruses. The band themselves wrote both their lyrics and music; moreover, it is an album with a very fast beat and the lead singer, has a especial voice. My favourite track is “Never say never”, which has very moving lyrics and a catchy chorus. The only negative thing I would say about the CD is that it only has ten songs.

For all those reasons, The CD is fantastic, a real gem. I would definitely recommend buying it as soon as you can.

Eva Mª Candela, 17A
Leonel Garcia and Noel Schajris returned to the music scene, after being absent for two years. Mañana which means tomorrow in Spanish is their fourth album to be released and people say it is their most romantic and successful one, so far…

Noel was born in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1974 and Leonel was born in Mexico DF, they have been writing their own material and singing together since 1975. De viaje which means, on a journey, was their second album, and sold more than one million copies whereas Mañana, released in June 2009, was a huge hit selling more than twenty million copies and going on…

Their songs make us feel happy but have a romantic twist. I recommend this album because in my opinion it is the best one ever.

By Vicente Moro, 17A

Danny Elfman is an American composer who is famous for doing the soundtracks of Tim Burton’s movies and the song of the TV series The Simpsons. ‘This is Halloween’ is a song of the blockbuster Nightmares before Christmas filmed in 1993. The single is a joyful and sinister song which chorus is extremely catchy.

To my mind, this is the best Danny Elfman’s song ever. I would definitely recommend seeing the movie because it has a very interesting soundtrack that invites the spectator to buy the soundtrack CD.

By Pedro García

1st Glance is a young band which started a year ago in Elche. The band consists of four members, all of them friends since childhood: a bass, a guitarist, a drummer and the lead singer; so the confidence they have and the strength of the group gives expression to their melodies.

The band plays pop-rock music, their songs are written by themselves and the lyrics are wonderful, with a really catchy beat. For that reason, in only a few months, they have recorded a maxi single with four songs. The title of the CD is One Step Closer, and everyone who wants to hear them can check their web-site: www.1stglance.es, or search them in Facebook.

Day by day, 1st Glance is luring more and more people and, nowadays, they count on many followers, their fans fill all their performances.

I would recommend to every music lovers listening to their songs, so they could give their ears some minutes of glory!

By Lidia Garrido Robledillo, 17A
The Rasmus recorded his sixth album Dead Letters in 2003. Both the album and its first single “In the shadows” reached top 10 and top 3 in the UK respectively.

I think this album is the darkest, moodiest and dreamiest they have ever done.

The lead singer Lauri Ylönen is also the main songwriter and his image is well-known for having crow feathers in his hair.

This is my favourite album because there is a strong melody flavoured with a catchy chorus in each song. I would definitely recommend this CD since you could feel each lyrics seems to be a letter addressed to someone.

By Verónica Román, 19B

Last 19th Sept., Alejandro released his first single “Looking for Paradise” from his latest album. Alicia Keys, the famous American singer, sings this song with him.

The artist thinks this song is very positive because of its lyrics and music. I agree with him since it is easy listening and has a catchy tune. It invites people to look for their own paradise. The Spanish singer made a video clip with videos his fans sent to him describing their particular paradises.

I would recommend buying this album and I would invite people to look for their own paradise. It is not always that far...

By Marisa Córcoles, 19B

Celebration is the latest album by Madonna. It’s a collection of two CDs that include numerous greatest hits and two new songs: “Revolver” and “Celebration”. I personally think that this album is fantastic because it compiles different kinds of music, like pop or disco music.

Madonna is still the most important female voice within the pop scene around the world. Most people think that Madonna is the queen of pop. She sold more than 200 million records and she’s won seven Grammy Awards.

I would definitely recommend buying it because, in two CDs, you can listen to the most important songs by Madonna, the ones that have made history.

By Veronica Aracil, 19B

Those three guys who became the idols of punk have changed a lot since 1989 when they formed a punk band named Green Day; they were originally part of the punk rock scene, but they had to wait for five years till they got success with their album Dookie in 1994.

Although their music style has become rockier and punkier, their lyrics continue being “The bullet in the bible” (as their last album In direct.) for American politicians, government and rules. They continue criticizing what they don’t agree on society but they are not as aggressive as they used to be years ago, anyway, they continue surprising and catching everyone within any new album.

21st Century Breakdown, their latest album, has been a success. Green Day continues evolving; it doesn’t matter if they are not so wicked or if they don’t break guitars and burn out their instruments at the end of their concerts. They are and they will continue being the kings of punk.

By Sergio Roman, 19B
“If you tolerate this, then your children will be next” is the title of a song of This is my truth tell me yours by Manic Street Preachers, that was released in 1998.

The origin of the title of the song comes from a Republican Poster of the Spanish Civil War that shows child killed by Nationalist bombs.

The song is about the Spanish Civil War and the ideas of the volunteers who fought in the International Brigade against Franco.

By Belén Ferri, 19B

From the age of 15, Amy McDonald has been singing in pubs, shops and coffee shops around United Kingdom with her beautiful voice and her guitar. And don't be surprised but she also writes her own songs. Amy had been influenced by groups and stars such as The Killers, Bruce Springsteen...until she was discovered by Vertigo Records in 2006.

Her debut album This is the Life was released in 2007 and has sold more than 3 million copies. With the song which named the album, she has conquered the music scene becoming a Top Ten music album in many countries.

Although she became famous in Spain last year, she has always surprised the public and her latest CD Poison Prince is not an exception. According to The Sun she was nominated in the German Music Awards in the category “Best International Female singer”.

The track “This is the life” from her first album fascinated me because of its real and provocative lyrics and also the fresh air she has brought to music, you’ll love her songs and her Scottish folk style. At the same time, she has filled a gap in the rebel and young public.

So I’d suggest you to listen to this amazing album, you’ll start loving folk.

By Isabel Denia, 19B

Battle for the sun has fortunately run over our lately shortage of imagination rock music scene. A breath of fresh air, in such an ordinary mess, by the well-known British band Placebo.

Each of the thirteen tracks that are part of Battle for the sun, released in May, brings us a new story, a new sound, a new challenge with intensity, strength and an extraordinary professional performance: from the sensitivity of “Happy you’re gone” to the power of “Kitty Litter” that opens the album, and the cheerfulness of “Bright Lights”.

Remarkable the excellent work of the backing band.

After their massive hit in 2006 with the glorious Meds, Placebo are here to conquer our senses and make us feel again.

No doubt at all, I strongly recommend it. And if you already have it: congratulations!

By Paco Carmona, 19B

Vetusta Morla is a six-membered Spanish band. Their latest album Un día en el mundo, was released in 2008 and is considered the best first album of a band in the Spanish rock history. The first song to reach number 1 on the Spanish singles charts was ‘Un día en el mundo’.

In my opinion, their latest album includes a few catchy songs like ‘Pequeño desastre animal’, ‘Valiente’ or ‘Un día en el mundo’, all of them with carefully written lyrics and nostalgic tunes. If I had to choose one single, I would definitely take ‘La marea’, because it makes me feel really sentimental when listening to it.

I really love the quiet and relaxing voice of the singer of the band (Pacho), because it makes me feel really sentimental when listening to it.

At first, I didn’t like this album but, lately, I’ve been listening to it on the bus on my way to work, watching all people swinging and it makes me think that the kind of music Vetusta Morla plays fits perfectly in the life in the city. I would absolutely recommend this album to all who want to escape for a few minutes when feeling just like another citizen.

By Jose Luis Boj Poveda, 19B
I don’t usually buy CDs but, some years ago, I bought the album GET A GRIP by the historical band Aerosmith, and I have to admit that the whole album is wonderful.

What I like most about Aerosmith is their tunes, they are catchy and lively and their lyrics invite you to sing too, so you can drive your car, cook or even have a shower having a funny moment.

I think this is one of the best albums of this legendary band, where you can find famous songs like ‘Amazing’, ‘Crazy’, and ‘Crying’, which I am sure you well know. The only negative thing about the album is that they mix different rock styles, so if you are not a rock fan, it is better to listen to this CD first, and then decide if you want to buy it or not.

I would definitely recommend you watching the video clips of this album; they are not going to disappoint you at all.

By Mª Ángeles Soler, 19B

Carlos Goñi is currently Revolver’s leader singer. He previously belonged to other Spanish rock bands such as Garage or Comité Cisne. In 1997, he recorded Básico 2, his best album till now.

I strongly believe that Básico 2 is one of the best albums I have ever listened to. It was recorded in an astonishing live performance in Madrid. It has some catchy acoustic tunes with interesting lyrics about everyday people stories. Carlos Goñi is a sensitive singer who writes all his own songs, for this reason he looks like a poet. Moreover, he has his own record company. My favourite track is “El Dorado” and I feel better and more cheerful when I am listening to all his songs.

Therefore, I would recommend buying this CD; I think it is worth it. I am absolutely convinced that if you buy it, you won’t regret at all.

By Jose Luis Lopez, 19B

After her massive hit in 2002 when the singer won OT, her record company has released this fifth CD hoping another big hit.

Rosa has remixed old love songs from earlier albums belonging to singers like Michael Bolton, Whitesnake, Black, Foreigner, Scorpions, Dianna Ross, Chris De Burgh, Lionel Richie or Whitney Houston.

From my point of view, this is a really sentimental album with some catchy pop tunes.

Rosa is a good singer and her voice is different from most Spanish singers at the moment.

My favourite track is “Swear me” with backing string instruments and piano.

If you like romantic songs, this is your CD.

I would definitely recommend buying it.

By Eva Egea, 19B

Although everybody has already listened to the song "Looking for paradise" by Alejandro Sanz and Alicia Keys, the new album of this famous Spanish singer won’t be released until next month.

"Looking for paradise" has become a really popular song which can be listened to wherever you go. However, the producer of the new album, Tommy Torres, assures that this is not the best song of the project, “there are eleven more songs waiting for the public.

What we are wondering now is if perhaps this latest album could be the one which boosts Alejandro Sanz’s career.

By Eva Santonja, 19B
Mika is a British singer who has had lots of successful songs in his short career. He recorded his first album in 2007 and it quickly went to number one in the album charts. The hit singles “Grace Kelly” and “Relax” were promoted by the musical press because his voice was like Freddie Mercury’s. Mika has just recorded his second album and, in my opinion, this is better than his first album. He has a particular voice and he knows how to make different types of voices easily. This is the reason why he is a no. 1. My favourite track is “We are golden”, which is funny and lively. Apart from that, you can also find lots of good songs like “Blame it on the girls” or “Rain”. If I had to say a negative thing about this album, I would say that songs are very short. I would recommend buying it and listening to it, and I am absolutely sure that you’ll have a good time.

By Raquel Donis Martínez, 19B

La Casa Azul recorded his first album El sonido efervescente de la casa azul in 2000. Last month, the new album La nueva Yma Sumac. Lo que nos dejó la revolución was launched for sale. The new album is made up of 16 songs in which we will be able to listen to the contribution of different renowned artist.

I think that it is a weak album because it is a mixture of already known songs and that it is pointless. I like this group, especially its early stages. Nowadays, it is too commercial.

I do not highly recommend this CD but I think the group deserves the opportunity to be listened to, it may surprise us.

By Ana Vicente, 19B

Brand new eyes is the third album by the pop-rock-emo band Paramore, after their latest hit Riot 2007 and, by far, the band’s most personal album. This new album includes 11 new songs with catchy and full of energy rock, with great lyrics. It seems that it is going to be a new success of this young band whose ages go from 19 to 24. The first single of the CD it is called “Ignorance” and it is a great song which is number one in the album charts in the U.S.A and it is reaching very good positions in the European charts too. My favourite tracks are called “Misguided Ghosts” and “The only exception” that continue with the emo style of the Riot album and with very nice lyrics.

After listening to the album, I can say that Paramore has evolved and they are getting better and better. I would definitely recommend listening to it to everybody who likes different pop-rock music and, of course, to those who live in the USA, don’t miss the chance to see them in their live concerts around the country.

By Jessica Nieto, 19B

Probably “Lola” is one of the best well known songs by The Kinks, or even more, we could strongly assert that this song has overtaken the fame of the group.

It was released in the early 70s and details a romantic encounter between a young man and a transvestite he meets in a Soho club in London. Ray Davies, the lead singer and songwritter of the group, says in the book The Kinks: The Official Biography that he was inspired to write this song after the band manager Robert Wace had spent the night dancing with a transvestite.

According to Dave Davies’ autobiography, Ray’s brother, also a member of the group, the original lyrics had the word Coca-Cola but, because of BBC Radio’s policy against product placement, those words were changed to the generic cherry cola for the single release.

Where you drink champagne and it tastes just like cherry-cola, says the song to describe the pub where the story takes place, but it could also be a metaphor to describe the muddle the song is about. Enjoyable sense of humour.

By Manuel Abela, 19B
Next Saturday, 17th of October, Jason Mraz’s third album will be released, this American guy is still evolving and building his own music al sound, ‘his own way ‘as he says in one of his songs.

I have had the pleasure of listening to the whole album one week after its release and I can say that it is the best I have listened to in years. Jason has had the opportunity to mix his tunes with other much funnier like reggae, hip hop, during his travels and, as a result, he offers haunting melodies to all kinds of public. He has composed the whole album with pieces of his life.

I know that there are different kinds of music, there are many you can like or you can dislike, but there are no reasons to be against Jason Mraz. He can trap you with a catchy tune or make you cry with another. Do yourself a favour and buy this new album. And if you already have it: congratulations!

By Antonio Giménez , 19B

Though The Killers’ new album Day and Age was released at the end of 2008, its first single, ‘Human’, is one of the hits of this year. The American band was recently on tour round Europe and they stopped off in Spain, at the well-known Benicassim Music Festival.

In Day and Age, you will find extremely catchy and lively songs mixed with quiet and poetical ballads. In their fourth work, the indie-rock band sounds more electrical than preceding albums; in fact, they have used the piano and the keyboards, played by the band’s singe, much more often.

The first time I heard it, I felt surprised and a bit disappointed. I missed the powerful guitar tunes from the previous albums. However, after several listernings, I liked this new style, less hard, with moving lyrics. I would recommend it to everyone who likes electronic and dance music and listening to it before going clubbing.

By Mª Carmen Rodrigo, 19B

“TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART”

Bonnie Tyler recorded this song in the early eighties, I was just a girl but I loved it then and I love it now.

The first time I heard this song I couldn’t speak English, so I couldn’t understand its lyrics, but I was moved and excited by the music.

I think that it is one of the best love songs in history, and it’s my favourite as well.

Bonnie’s voice is totally different from other singers’.

I would like to recommend you in case you want to feel something special.

By Vicen Candel, 19B
Shakira was born in Colombia and she is bilingual. As a result of this, she wrote sixty songs in Spanish and English and released two albums: Fijación Oral (1st Volume) in June of 2005 and Oral Fixation (2nd Volume) in November of 2005.

Previously, she broke into the English speaking world with the release of Laundry Service. She mixed different music styles like pop, rock, tango, Arab...

Fijación Oral, this CD in its first volume, Shakira sang “La Tortura” in Spanish with Alejandro Sanz who is a pop idol in Spain, and her record company aimed at getting a massive hit and capturing a wider Spanish audience, therefore, her popularity and sales target would increase. This song has catchy tunes.

Oral Fixation (2nd Volume) has sold more than eight million copies worldwide and has songs about social and current issues, romantic music, pop, rock, reggae ton, hip hop and salsa. The most important singles are: Don’t Bother, No, Pure Intuition, Hips Don’t Lie, Illegal (which she sang with Carlos Santana)...

Her songs became the soundtrack in the film: Love in the time of cholera.

Currently, Shakira will release her sixth album She Wolf in October of 2009.

From my point of view, this album is brilliant because you can feel excited with singles like La Tortura, Hips Don’t Lie, Pure Intuition, but on the other hand you can feel sad, troubled, depressed, frustrated with ballads such as No or Don’t Bother.

I highly recommended this CD because a lot of people have enjoyed this music anywhere (disco, car, home, party, dance and so on). Furthermore, Shakira is a very gifted young woman and a world-famous artist. She has won two Grammy Awards, seven Latin Grammy Awards and has been nominated to Golden Globe.

Juani Morcillo

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Fito and the Fitipaldis have just released his fifth album, called Before I count ten, and that is exactly the number of songs it contains. As usual, one of the songs has the same name as the album and it is the first single. The album also has an instrumental song and a new version of one of “Cabra Metalica’s” tracks.

In my opinion, this is a very good album which keeps Fito’s essence. The first single, “Before I count ten”, is a very catchy song, with a nice and intimate rock and roll. The thing I like the most of this song is the sound of the bass. The only negative thing I would say about the album is that it is much slower than their predecessors and maybe a little repetitive, it doesn’t offer anything new.

I would definitely recommend buying the original in shops, because you can buy just the CD with the album or the special edition with a DVD of the making of the album and a book with a photographic summary.

By Diana Mateo, 19B
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**VETUSTA MORLA “One day in the world”**

Nowadays, there is new rock group in Spain called Vetusta Morla who her debut album “One day in the world” has become one of the discs of the year. They have some awards like the best live performance or the best independent album of the year.

Their lyrics are very interesting and the haunting melodies make you think about life. The band themselves wrote the music and they have gone on tour during all this year.

In fact, their live sound is fantastic and if you want to listen, you can go to one of their concerts but you must be fast because they will finish their tour next week in Madrid.

By Rosa Martín Gomis 17B
A big masterpiece!

After their last album “Por la boca vive el pez”, and after 3 years waiting for it, Fito y los Fitipaldis release a new CD called “Antes de que cuente diez”

These Spanish poets will try to capture their huge following through their haunting melodies and surprise them with their new show on tour which will start next summer

By Lorena Gálvez Carreño 1NA 09º

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Michael Jackson Thriller

Michael as a singer belonged The Jackson Five band (The Jacksons) when he was only a child. It was a family band but later he was exceptionally good at singing so he kept singing as soloist. Michael was one of the most famous and popular artist around the World. People in the 80´s called him “The king of pop” due to the extraordinary impact of his Thriller album (1982). Thriller is the best selling CD in music history. Its sixth album as soloist, and include hits like Beat It, BillieJean and Thriller. This album got a very good critic and got numerous prizes. As far I´m concerned I don´t like Michael Jackson much, nevertheless the more important songs I like so much and I have to admit the others aren´t bad only they are not my style.

In my opinion, I think this album is a good one, you only have to realize that people around the world have (ever) heard about it!

I recommend you buy this album if u like dancing because it has a lot of funk and pop rhythm and no doubt that Michael´s songs nowadays are fashionable.

By Eva 17B
**“Loba” Shakira**

At last we can listen to the eagerly awaited new album of the Colombian Diva. Its first single “Loba”, “She wolf” in its English version, was released in the beginning of October. The lyrics of the first single are very basic and sexual, something quite unusual in Shakira if we compare them to the delicate and poetic tunes we were used to.

I was haunted by “Loba” from the moment I listened to “Why wait” (very similar to “Ojos así”), I can imagine her moving her hips which are worth millions! This track is more powerful than “Loba”, it is going to be a massive hit.

“Men in this town” is totally dance. In “Spy” Shakira features Wyclef Jean, this song will have a huge following and will sound in all the discos, her fans will adore it.

In conclusion, Shakira took out the animal she’s got inside and definitely, nobody will stop her. “Loba” is an album that has been made to be a big hit all around the world.

**By Inés 17 b**

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**Sarah Brightman’s Symphony**

Many years have passed since her hit single “Time to say Goodbye” from the Album Timeless, which has sold more than one million of copies since 1997.

I think Symphony is an extraordinary mixture of gothic rock and classical rhythms where the soprano shows again her obvious talent.

Fans of the different music and a marvellous voice will enjoy this CD a lot, which features duets with Fernando Lima (Pasion) and Andrea Bocelli (Canto Della Terra).

I would earnestly recommend buying it, because in spite of Sarah is not exactly a pop idol, her loyal admirers will love it.

**By Mª Dolores Ibáñez Amoros 9A**
John Williams, the great all time composer, has returned...

If you are the kind of person who is fond of going to the cinema with the purpose of listening to the soundtrack, you are... even Shark? In this last amazing Album, Williams wants to agitate us once again with his most successful hits.

By Ana 17B

Ska-p returns after 3 years in exile

Ska-p began in 1994 with five members and they had a debut album named after the group “Ska-p”. In 1995 the group had some conflicts between the members and one of them went solo. A few months after the band found the perfect guitarist. Since 1994 until 1997 they were giving concerts in small night clubs.

In 1997 they did some concerts in the south of France, and they found that lot of people knew them and their songs, despite the fact that they were in a different language.

In 2005 with five albums in the market, a huge following and all her tracks were haunting melodies. They decided to separate and went into exile for some years. One of the members went solo and created a new group whose name was the locos.

Nowadays, they released a new album which name was “lágrimas y sollozos”, it was a massive hit and a catchy album.

By Ainhoa 17 B

U2 No line on the horizon

‘No line on the horizon’ is the name both for latest released Irish rock band studio album and for the first song in the album. After waiting for a long time from their last successfully ‘How to dismantle an atomic bomb’ work, U2 has developed a three-year-working album composed and written in four different countries. Morocco, Dublin, New York and London rock band experiences can be enjoyed while listening to the plenty-of-lyric eleven songs.

By Baldomero 9A
I had never been a fan of Coldplay until I listened to the latest CD for the first time. Viva la vida or death and all his friends was released in 2008, and is the most successful band’s studio album.

I am afraid I can’t compare it with their previous works as I must admit I thought that at the beginning of their career they were no more than a copycat band of other English bands such as Radiohead. However, I feel that the value of their latest work is even bigger now that it has removed all my prejudices.

The CD starts with an instrumental track -Life in Technicolor -where the main tune is repeated at the end of the CD, which makes me think about a conceptual album whose main themes are: death and life (=war and peace), and above all Love as the great nexus.

Surely, everybody has already listened to the single Viva la vida, a pop/rock anthem with a catchy chorus and smart songwriting. But the rest of the tracks are even worthier: Cemeteries of London, Lovers in Japan/Reign of love, Strawberry Swing, Violet Hill,…

I would highly recommend this Cd not only to Coldplay’s fans, but to all music lovers who can give up prejudices and enjoy good rock music.

Finally, perhaps I should mention (even it is not related to the music) that from my point of view, CD covers (as book covers, etc.) are more important than we usually think and this time I must confess I love the choice of Delacroix’s picture for the cover.

Definitely, a must have!

**Lágrimas Negras**

When two musicians are real geniuses, then, they can play different music genres and the result continues to be brilliant. Bebo is a virtuoso Latin jazz pianist and Cigala is a superb Spanish Gypsy Flamenco Singer, however Lágrimas Negras is not exclusively an album of Latin jazz or Flamenco music, obviously , it is a Latin album and it is the fusion of Cuban rhythms and Spanish folk music, but also, Argentinian tango or Mexican music.

There are in this album classic Latin songs, as for example, Bien pagá, Lágrimas Negras or Niebla del riachuelo, but I would like to emphasize the song Se me olvidó que te olvidé where we can find a catchy chorus.

Lágrimas Negras is full of haunting melodies. Bebo aims to fill the atmosphere with nice tunes and the broken Cigala’s voice moves the listeners. This album is a cooperation between two fantastic musicians who have turned Latin folk music in a universal music.

By Luisvi 17B

**Dire Straits** released the compilation album Sultans of Swing in 1998, which soon became a best seller. Each one of its 16 tracks had been number one in the album charts worldwide.

I think this is a really good selection of their many recorded albums to the date. Also, there (are) included 2 pieces from their live performance in which you can feel the great atmosphere there is in their concerts. Besides, you will appreciate the virtuoso performance of Mark Knofler strumming the guitar in tunes like Tunnel of love. I would emphasize the spectacular instrumental part of their masterpieces over the vocal ones. Otherwise, if you don’t love 80’s rock you should save your money.

You will enjoy listening to this CD from the first time because of the big hits that are considered as musical heritage of mankind for many people. I recommend you to get it for your collection if you don’t have the albums of the band. By Lorenzo 17B
One of my favourite songs is called ‘Open your mind’, it is written and sung by a Spanish woman called Merche. Although she is not a well-know pop star I like her music and she specially sings love songs, however in this song she sings particularly about a different kind of love.

The song was written in the nineties, it was not a chart-topper, although back then it could have been heart on the radio.

As I was saying ‘Open your mind’ is a song that speaks about the bad treatment of women, how a sexist husband manages the life of his woman and how he humiliates her. On the other hand she feels bad and she gets to lose her self-esteem, and in spite of that she is not able to rebel against him.

The positive part of the song is the message that the song has for all the women that live in this kind of situation, which says ‘Open your mind and you find out what people enjoy in life, open your doors and you look for a exit and people will help you’.

In my opinion to become a chart-topper it depends on the music companies and the media, and I think it is not fair, because there are loads of good singers that don’t have the opportunity to become successful in their music career, in spite of being as good as they are.

MAITE GONZALEZ GUILLEN. GRUPO 1NA 9A
“No Line on the Horizon”, is U2’s first album in nearly five years (the longest gap between studio albums in the band’s career) and their best, since 1991’s *Achtung Baby*.

The record begins strong enough with the title track, and certainly, if you listen to this album with attention, it can be (and should be) an enjoyable listen. Only you may think that you’ve heard most of this before and the track “Get On Your Boots” (first single) doesn’t fit well on this record. It seems that U2 have been influenced by themselves.

The brief time the band spent in Fez, Morocco has resulted in a record more experimental than their previous two albums. Undoubtedly, “No Line on the Horizon” will receive favourable reviews from critics although many others would say that Bono, The Edge, Clayton and Mullen have aped some songs from past albums (“I’ll Go Crazy If I Don’t Go Crazy Tonight” imitates the guitar part from “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” and much more).

To sum up, U2 are back with their familiar sound and usual bombast, and “No Line On The Horizon” is going to be a big record, both in scope and sales, no matter what strong critics think of the album.

By Javier Ruiz Ramírez 9A

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**ABBA GOLD**

Abba Gold is a compilation of the nineteen most popular Abba’s pop songs. The Swedish band got its hits because of the simple lyrics, catchy songs and its own sound. The single “Waterloo” which won “Eurovisión” in 1974, made them famous all over the world and this is obviously included in the album. The four mixed voices give their lyrics a special and characteristic sound. My favourite track is “Dancing Queen”, which makes me feel positive and fills me with energy. The only thing I dislike is that the lyrics are not included. I definitely recommend buying this album to people who really enjoy pop music.

By Silvia 17B
DORIA

After the success of their massive hit “cualquier otra parte”, two years on tour and eight strenuous months of recording, Dorian came back and released their new album “La ciudad subterránea” last month.

Dorian is one of the most important indie bands in Spain and has a huge following of dedicated fans.

The new album mixes electronic and pop music and it is a little bit darker than the other two. By the way, the single “Tormenta de arena” is powerful and extraordinary.

If I were you, I would go to the next performance of Dorian. Don’t miss the chance! Besides, you can enjoy their music on Internet but it is not the same!

By Ma Carmen 9A

Hanging in your hands

For fans of easy listening and catchy tunes, the song “HANGING IN YOUR HANDS” composed by Marta Sánchez and Carlos Baute has captured a wide audience, we have been able to listen it at all hours, every where, during the past months.

At the beginning it was a fun and nice song to listen to, but now I need to turn it off.

So please, to the radio people stop playing this song, there must be a lot of other music you can play.

By Asun Celdrán 9A

PITINGO BULERÍA

New arrivals on the pop music, an unusual fusion between pop, flamenco, soul and gospel where you can find the hits of Bob Marley, The Beatles, Police, Ray Charles and Nirvana among others.

His single ‘Killing me softly’ was a massive hit in 2008 and has awarded Gold Disc. (More than 10,000 copies has being sold)

One of the most special things about this CD is that Juan Carmona features in it, and the second one is that this CD collect the best of his theatrical show ‘Soulería’.

I especially recommend this fantastic CD if you’re looking for old classical songs with a flamenco twist and for fans of easy listening and catchy tunes.

By Montse 17 B
QUIQUE GONZÁLEZ
Daiquirí Blues

As Quique González says “Nashville is the city of music” and that is the place where he has recorded his eighth and self-financed album, Daiquirí Blues. Quique broke up with Warner/Dro in July and a new company, Last Tour Records, is going to release the CD at the end of October.

Between the thirteen tracks we’ll find Quique’s own version of “Restos de Stock”, written by him and played by Miguel Ríos in his “Solo o en compañía de otros”. He also has remixed Lapido’s song “Algo me aleja de ti”. And finally, his huge following will enjoy finding three well-known songs in Quique’s gigs: “La luna debajo del brazo”, “Nadie podrá con nosotros” and “Cuando estés en vena”. A great writer of lyrics and melodies. A narrator, a poet. For dedicated fans and lovers of melancholic rock.

By Virtu 9A

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**No Line on the Horizon** is U2 latest album. The album was released at the beginning of the year and went straight to number one. This album is full of great songs, it is an extraordinary piece of music where its textural exploration and tenacious melodic grip are surprising. And the guitar sounds marvellous in every song.

I think is a fantastic album with several wonderful songs. My favourite track is ‘Moment of surrender’ which is a masterpiece. Honestly, I can say nothing negative about this album.

The CD gets better the more you listen to it. I would definitely recommend buying it and watching out for any further albums from this magnificent group. Especially, I would highly recommend watching a live performance. I have been to a live concert in Barcelona and I can assure you that it was a dazzling performance, an unforgettable experience that I will always remember. So, if you get a chance, then go and see it as soon as you can.

By Pep 17B