

Subject: Spanish

Level: A Level Exam Board: AQA



Course Outline

We will develop your ability to use Spanish in both speech and writing. You will have weekly Spanish conversation one to one with a teacher or native speaker. Our students are almost always able to speak Spanish well by the end of the course so you will leave us with a really useful skill.

What will I learn on this course?

You will learn to communicate confidently and imaginatively in Spanish through both the spoken and written word and gain insight into the contemporary society and culture of Spain and Spanish speaking countries. You will be in a good position to undertake further, advanced study of Spanish or make practical use of Spanish in employment.

You will make frequent use of ICT for research and the internet for authentic Spanish language material.

Who would make a successful student of Spanish?

This course will appeal to students who would enjoy the challenge of speaking to native speakers of Spanish in their own language. You should also enjoy taking part in in-depth discussions, expressing your opinions and justifying these in debate. You may be considering further study or working in another European country or South America.

Extra Curricular Activities

You would be welcome to help us with lower school language lessons and languages clubs. There have been trips to Spain and an exchange in previous years.

Career Opportunities

A modern language is a truly useful ancillary skill for a wide range of businesses. Most interpreters and translators are people who work for a company and have knowledge of a foreign language, rather than professionals.

You will also find this course useful if you wish to follow a career in travel and tourism, marketing, public relations, European administration or law, teaching, interpreting and translating or journalism. Opportunities in the workplace are increasingly being opened up for those who can combine any subject or skill with a modern foreign language. Employers are very keen to recruit languages graduates.

Course Structure

Students study technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. They will study highlights of Spanish-speaking artistic culture, including Hispanic music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the Spanish-speaking world.

Students also explore the influence of the past on present-day Spanish-speaking communities. Throughout their studies, they will learn the language in the context of Spanish-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

Assessment tasks will be varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Each skill is assessed as a terminal examination.

A Level consists of modules centered on the following topic areas:

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Political and artistic culture

Students will be invited to present, discuss and take a clear stance on any issue of their choice, demonstrating their skills in advanced-level Spanish.

Students will also show evidence of independent, advanced-level Spanish language reading and research of a chosen text, play, film or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a Spanish speaking country or community.