Subject: Spanish

Level: A Level Exam Board: AQA

Course Outline

The course will prepare students to progress into further education to follow courses in Spanish, Hispanic cultural studies, combined degrees of Spanish with another subject, linguistics or to enter employment where knowledge of Spanish would be useful.

What will I learn on this course?

This course will enable you to explore:

- how the Spanish language functions on a deeper level
- Spanish in the context of culture, art, politics, society, history, literature and film
- Speaking with a higher level of fluency

Who would be a successful student of Spanish?

This course will appeal to students who:

- enjoy learning about other cultures including history, politics and sociology;
- enjoy learning how language functions;
- are inquisitive and analytical;
- are good at solving problems.

Enrichment opportunities

In the past these have included trips to Spain, theatre shows and film days plus university conferences conducted entirely in Spanish. You would also be welcome to help us with lower school language lessons and MFL club.

Career Opportunities

The study of Spanish compliments all future career paths and can open doors for you in the future, in whichever industry you decide to go into. A modern language is a truly useful ancillary skill for businesses and there is a wide range of opportunities in the workplace for those who can combine any subject or skill with a modem foreign language. Employers are very keen to recruit language graduates in a range of exciting careers such as:

- law
- any business pathway such as accountancy, marketing, finance…
- medicine
- teaching
- journalism and broadcasting
- public sector
- interpreting
- translating
- travel and tourism

Course Structure

Aspect of Hispanic Society

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights

Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society

- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world

- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements

Film and literature study

- Book: Como agua para chocolate – Laura Esquivel
- Film: El laberinto de fauno - Guillermo del Toro

There are 3 exam papers sat at the end of the two-year course:

- Paper 1: Reading, Listening and Translation; worth 50% of total A Level
- Paper 2: Writing (about a Hispanic text and film); worth 20% of total A Level
- Paper 3: Speaking based on an individual research project and one of the 4 themes listed above; 30% of marks