



A LEVEL SPANISH

What does the course involve?

The course aims to:

- Develop awareness of the culture and society of Spain and Spanish speaking countries.
- Provide a range of stimulating and absorbing study topics with contemporary, literary and cultural content
- Extend students intellectually and develop general study skills.
- Provide an ability to communicate readily in Spanish for a variety of purposes
- Prepare students to use their Spanish for the purposes of work, further study, training or leisure.
- Be enjoyable, interesting and relevant to the students' needs.

Activities are varied and include role play, debate, group and individual presentations, plus more formal work such as text exploitation and translation. There is regular and varied use of ICT.

Resources include textbooks, newspapers, magazines, films, vocabulary books, grammar notebooks, online resources, films and a whole range of online information and worksheets.

What exams and coursework are involved?

The course is examined at the end of year 13. All topics studied in years 12 and 13 will be examined at the end of year 13. Students will study a film and a set text with the guidance of their teachers. Students will be expected to conduct an independent research project which is examined as part of the speaking assessment. There is no coursework element.

Paper 1: Listening and reading questions plus translation into English and Spanish - 2hr 30 - 100 marks (50% of A level)

Paper 2: Writing – 2hrs - 80 marks (20% of A level)

Students write two essays, normally on one set text and one film.

Paper 3: Speaking 21-23 mins including 5 mins prep time – 60 marks (30% of A level) Discussion of one sub theme prompted by stimulus card (5-6 mins; 25 marks).

Presentation (2 mins; 5 marks) followed by discussion of individual research project (9-10 mins; 30 marks).

YEAR 12

Topics include:

- Modern and Traditional values;
- Cyberspace;
- Equal Rights;
- Modern day idols; Spanish regional identity;
- Cultural heritage or cultural landscape.

What are the entry qualifications?

- GCSE grade 5 in Spanish and English Language.
- A willingness to work and study independently and learn vocabulary.
- A willingness to join in discussions and be open to ideas.
- A keen interest in the Spanish language and world affairs.

What could I do after completing the course?

The world is your oyster! More than 410 million people speak Spanish as their native language. Language skills are in demand and can be used in almost any career, particularly in businesses that trade internationally. Most degree courses appreciate people who take a language. Many language graduates choose careers not directly related to their subject but where there is the opportunity to use their language skills, for example working for companies who trade or offer services internationally or to non-English speaking customers and suppliers. Language graduates work for a huge variety of employers and sectors, including: business services, charity work, media, museums and libraries, public administration, teaching, tourism, transport and logistics. The study of a language to A level provides the level of fluency and confidence that enables a student to use their skills as part of their work and travels or as a stepping stone to something else.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MS E KENNEDY OR MRS SILVA.

YEAR 13

Topics include:

The topics from AS and:

- Immigration;
- Racism;
- Integration;
- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens;
- Monarchies, republics and dictatorships;
- Popular movements.