

Aims of the Course

- This qualification will enable students to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of the countries where Spanish is spoken.
 - Students will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. They will study highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, including a focus on Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations. They will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world.
 - Students will explore the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities. Throughout their studies, they learn the language in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.
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Types of Learning Experiences:

This is a linear qualification. AS Assessment if chosen, takes place at the end of Year 12. The full A Level assessment takes place at the end of year 13. Knowledge is gained through study of texts, interactive audio-visual resources, guides and workbooks.

Students carry out independent research and develop the skills of discussion, translation, reading, listening, summarising and essay writing

Link Subjects:

Spanish complements all subjects at A Level and beyond.

Progressing to Higher Education

Spanish is a recognised A Level subject in itself for University and Higher Education as well as a shared degree course across a wide spectrum of subjects.

Careers:

The ability to communicate in a Modern Foreign Language has become a necessary part of modern working life in a global market.. Increasingly employers are asking for applicants with a knowledge of one or more Modern Foreign Languages. This skill will enhance your employability in areas such as government agencies, public policy, tourism, publishing, advertising, economics, public relations and the export/import industry.

Year 12

Topics:

- Aspects of Hispanic society (modern and traditional values, cyberspace, equal rights)
 - Artistic culture in the Hispanic world (modern day idols, Spanish regional identity, cultural heritage)
 - Grammar
 - Film (currently "Ocho apellidos vascos")
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Year 13

Topics:

- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society (immigration, racism & integration)
- Aspects of political life in Hispanic society (today's youth tomorrow's citizens, monarchies and dictatorships, popular movements)
- Grammar
- A work of literature (currently "La Casa de Bernarda Alba")
- Individual research project of the student's choice for the speaking exam.

Assessment: A Level

Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing 1 h 45 m 45%
Unit 2: Writing 1h 30 m 25% of AS
Unit 3: Speaking 12-14 minutes 30%
Speaking 15% 35 minutes including
20 mins preparation time

Entry requirements:

A minimum 5 grades 9-4 at GCSE, one of which should be in Spanish. Alternatively you should have a sound working knowledge of the language.

