



FOREIGN
LANGUAGES

A-Level Course Information



Qualification: Advanced Level Spanish

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Leader: Mrs G Heathcote

Entry Requirements:

Minimum Entry Requirements:

5 x 5s

4 in English and Maths

Subject Specific Entry Requirements:

6 in GCSE Spanish

Why study Spanish?

Do you hope to one day work abroad or speak a language fluently? Are you interested in an academically challenging course with a strong practical application? If so, then studying a Modern Language like Spanish to A-level could be for you.

The Spanish course will develop your language skills, cultural and international understanding, and lifelong communication, analytical and research skills which can be applied at work or for leisure purposes.

What can I do with Spanish after A-Level?

Many students follow this course with a languages degree, which usually involves learning two languages alongside literature and/or linguistics. However, languages also complement any other subject, and are often combined with popular degree courses such as Law, Business, Marketing, History and Engineering. Language graduates are in high demand by employers in the UK and abroad.

Spanish Extras

Students will have access to our language laboratory offering individual language-learning facilities. Foreign Language Assistants will be available to develop your speaking and listening skills through individual or small group conversation. In addition, the department offers a range of opportunities in partnership with local universities and there will also be opportunities to spend time in Spain through a programme of trips e.g. Spanish immersion visit to Valencia, work experience in Cantabria.

What will I study?

There are 4 core topic areas at A-level:

Aspects of Hispanic society

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

Aspects of political life in Hispanic society

In addition, you will study two literary texts, *Como agua para chocolate* and *Réquiem por un campesino español*.

Within **Aspects of Hispanic society** you will look at:

- Los valores tradicionales y modernos
- El ciberespacio
- La igualdad de los sexos

Within **Artistic culture in the Hispanic world** you will study:

- La influencia de los ídolos
- La identidad regional en España
- El patrimonio cultural

Within **Multiculturalism in Hispanic society** you will look at:

- La inmigración
- El racismo
- La integración

And within **Aspects of political life in Hispanic society** you will study:

- Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos de mañana
- Monarquías y dictaduras
- Movimientos populares

There are 3 exams:

Paper 1: listening, reading & translation into both English & Spanish (2 hr 30 mins, 100 marks) 50%

Students will have individual control of the listening recording. Questions in Spanish to be answered with non-verbal responses or in Spanish for both reading (50 marks) & listening (30 marks).

Paper 2: writing - literature essays (2 hrs, 80 marks) 20%

Two essays to be written from choice of 2 possible titles on *Como agua para chocolate* & *Réquiem por un campesino español* of approximately 300 words. These require a critical appreciation of the concepts and issues covered in the work and a critical and analytical response to features such as the form and the technique of presentation, as appropriate to the works studied.

Paper 3: speaking (16-18 minutes + 5 minutes preparation time, 60 marks) 30%

Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5 – 6 minutes, 25 marks), followed by a presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of an individual research project (35 marks).