

A Level Spanish



"El español es demasiado importante para dejarlo en manos de los españoles." Guillermo Cabrera Infante

"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom." Roger Bacon

Spanish is the study of the Spanish language, the Hispanic world and Spanish culture comprising of current events, literature, cinema and Spanish history.

What you will learn:

By choosing this course, you will develop your communication and presentation skills, expand your understanding of current world events, and gain a more developed understanding of different cultures and beliefs. In addition, you will take part in debates as well as learn how to analyse literature and cinema. Finally, your mastering of grammar and linguistics will allow you to gain a much more comprehensive understanding of your own language.

How you will be assessed:

A total of 3 examinations:

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation into English (2 hrs) (40%)

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation into French (2hr 40) (30%)

Paper 3: Speaking (21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) (30%)

What you need to get started:

GCSE grade 6 in Spanish and GCSE grade 5 in English. A keen interest in Hispanic culture and history is desirable as well as independent learning and research skills.



What our students say:

"Spanish is an integral part of my sixth form experience, the skills and knowledge that I have gained are extremely useful as I hope to continue my language studies at University."

Rebecca, Former Year 13 student

'Doing a language at A Level is a wonderful experience, one where you really feel you have accomplished something. By studying Spanish, I have found myself becoming more conscious of the world we live in now, and the different topics we are able to study provide you with an insight into many key areas and issues in the UK; topics such as LGBTQ, immigration, the world of work, and also the evolution of culture, as well as a history module showing how the country has become what it is today. In addition to improving my debating and analysing skills, A Level Spanish became a break from the intensity of other A Levels, and the skills are transferable to any degree/apprenticeship etc.'

Natalie



What next?

Students can continue their studies at University in a Spanish related degree course. There are many universities which allow you to combine your Spanish studies with another subject.

Possible careers include: journalism and media, teaching, tourism, marketing and advertising, interpreter, translator and various sectors of global corporations.

Being bilingual or owning a language A-level is a rare skill which is highly valued and respected by future employers or further education, which in turn improves your future prospects.

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