

Spanish

Why this course is right for you

Do you have an interest in Hispanic society, culture, traditions and politics? Do you enjoy constructing your own arguments in a foreign language? Are you keen to participate in discussions and good at listening to others? Then A-level Spanish is for you!

Inspired by subject-specialist teachers, who are passionate about Spanish language and culture, you will learn in a creative environment. You will have numerous opportunities to develop your communication skills through written and verbal expression of your own ideas in whole class, small group and one-to-one situations. Use of information technology and independent study are integral to the course.



Course Content

Exam board: tbc

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The A-level is a two-year linear course with all assessments at the end of Year 2.

Year 1 Topics

- Aspects of Hispanic Society: Cyberspace; Traditional and Modern Values; Gender Equality
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic World: Art heritage; The regions of Spain; the Influence of Celebrities
- One book
- Grammar

Year 2 Topics

- Aspects of Political Life in the Hispanic World: Monarchies and Dictatorships; Strikes and Protests; Young People of Today
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society: Immigration; Racism; Living Together
- One film
- Grammar
- Individual research project on a topic of your choice linked to a Spanish speaking country

The A-level includes an element of translation both ways, so your competence in English is vital.

Additional Experiences

You will be given opportunities throughout the year to go to the cinema, universities and conferences. You can also complete interactive activities to enrich your knowledge and your teacher will direct you through this. We will also have the opportunity to exchange letters with a partnership school in Spain.

Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 6 Spanish GCSE or be a native speaker.

Beyond A Levels

Studying Spanish at A-Level will prepare you to study a languages degree. Equally, studying Spanish will open your door to many other degrees where the skills acquired in the course are valued: Criminology, Law, Accountancy, History, Management, Politics and many more.

A foreign language qualification is also considered to be a most valuable asset by employers in a range of occupations within the fields of engineering, medicine, diplomacy, the sciences and many others.

Going further

If you think you might be interested in foreign languages and wish to explore, take a look at the following:

- Podcasts: 'Coffee Break Spanish' or 'Nómadas'. Duolingo Spanish podcast, Memrise.
- Radio: Radio Nacional de España. Radio educación (México).
- Apps: 20 minutos

“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.”

Flora Lewis