

Spanish AS and A Level

Examination Board: AQA

¿Habras español?

Spanish builds upon the skills which you have developed during your GCSE course and will help you to develop confident, effective communication skills and a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken.

We prepare our students for the syllabus in Spanish with lessons designed to enhance our students' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills that were first forged at GCSE level. As well as timetabled lessons, we are very fortunate to be able to provide our students with a lesson each week with a native Spanish speaking language assistant.

You will have the opportunity to discover and enjoy Spanish film and authentic and accessible Spanish texts. You will also learn to use Spanish in everyday conversation as well as formal discussion and debate. Grammar also plays an important role as you learn to work with increasing accuracy and to decode and translate passages.

Students need to learn vocabulary and produce written work on a regular basis. Additionally, they must be prepared to work independently, which includes undertaking extra listening practice at home.

As well as immersing our students in Spanish culture, literature, and current affairs at school, Spanish students are offered a highly popular work experience trip to Madrid, where they are expected to complete a work placement, organise their own itinerary and plan all activities. This offers students the chance to experience working, travelling and living in Spain and coincides with preparation for oral exams. As such, it has proven very successful in improving students' confidence and language ability.

Assessments:

AS Level: You will sit 3 examinations in the summer of Year 12:

- Speaking exam (12-14 minutes) which comprises 30% of the AS Level;
- Listening, reading and writing exam (1 hour 45 minutes) which counts for 45% of the AS Level
- Writing exam with a translation and a section based on a film/book (1 hour 30 minutes) which is 25% of the AS Level.

A Level: You will sit 3 examinations in the summer of Year 13:

- Speaking exam (21-23 minutes) which counts for 30% of the A Level;
- Listening, reading and writing exam (2 hours 30 minutes) which is 50% of the A Level.
- Writing exam with two essays based on a film/book (2 hours) which is 20% of the A Level.

Careers and Study Progression:

This course is ideal for students who are curious about life and culture in other countries. Spanish A Level will help students who are keen to develop a skill set which is valued internationally.

Many of our students have gone on to study Spanish at prestigious universities, either as a pure language degree or combined with other modern foreign languages, the arts, history, social sciences or business.

