

Spanish

Examination Board: AQA (2695)

GCSE Required:
Skills:

Spanish Grade B
Flair for the language

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What is covered in the course:

i) Aspects of Spanish-speaking society: current trends: YEAR 12

- a) Family and relationships (marriage and partnerships; different models of family; change in the family structure; attitudes towards marriage and divorce; the influence of the catholic church.
- b) The Digital World: Internet and the dangers/risks; social networks; digitalisation of society - smartphones and uses.
- c) Equality of the sexes - the role of the men/women/LGBT rights.

ii) Artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world: YEAR 12

- a) The influence of Idols: the influence of idols - singers, TV/film stars and models.
- b) Regional Identity of Spain; festivals and traditions; origins of festivals and their importance in Spanish society;; diversity of festivals and traditions in different regions of the Spanish-speaking world; gastronomy; languages.
- c) The cultural heritage: historic sites and pre-Hispanic civilisations; art and architecture; musical heritage and its diversity.

iii) Multiculturalism in Hispanic society: YEAR 13

- a) Immigration: The benefits & negative aspects; immigration in the Hispanic world; the problems of the 'undocumented'.
- b) Racism: racist and xenophobic attitudes; measure to combat racism; the anti-racist legislation.
- c) Integration: integration with different cultures; education; religions.

In addition you will need to study a specific modern Spanish film and book during the course. Grammar will also be taught throughout the course and much of this will also be included in the flipped learning timetable.

How will the subject be taught:

The students will have the opportunity to improve their ability in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and will gain access to the language through a variety of authentic media, including newspapers, magazines, satellite TV and the internet. Teaching will be split between two teachers and students will be expected to participate in study sessions through note-taking, text analysis, debate, presentation and self-supported study. In addition a foreign language assistant has an hour's conversation class with each group on a weekly basis to support their preparation for the speaking exam.

All students have online access to Nelson Thornes (Kerboodle) with vocabulary sheets, listening and reading materials, exam-type questions, grammar exercises and video clips. In addition we provide them with examples of practice listening and reading papers as well as a week by week plan for grammar teaching, topic work and key assessments. Students can make use of the satellite facilities in the Sixth Form Centre to view foreign-language DVDs or TV channels to support with independent study or for research purposes.

There are listening, reading/writing/translation and speaking exams at the end of each course, but students can choose a specific topic area for the speaking and written exams.

What opportunities come with this subject:

The wider opportunities for students with a language at Advanced Level are immense. Linguists have a skill that can be applied in innumerable professional, commercial and social contexts. Linguists are trained to analyse stimulus material in detail and after advanced level learning will have outstanding knowledge of other cultures and societies, which serves them as adults with a well-rounded education.

Higher Education/Career Implications:

Universities are continually looking to recruit students with a language at A-Level to support other subject areas and frequently offer international placements to the best linguists.

- In an increasingly globalised marketplace, students with a language can often demand higher salaries, travel more widely on business and build friendships across the globe.
- There is also strong evidence that universities will use language qualifications to differentiate applicants with the same A-Level grades.
- In recent years many of the former A2 cohort have continued to study languages at undergraduate level, including at Cambridge and a number of Russell Group universities.
- In Spanish we have had 100% A*-C success rate in the last few years.