

LANGUAGES - SPANISH

Course

A level Spanish

Exam Board

AQA

Entry requirements

Grade 6 at GCSE

Why study Spanish?

If you enjoy this vibrant language and want to know more about Spain and the Spanish-speaking world, then A level Spanish may well be for you. Year 1 gives you the chance to bring together prior learning and build up your confidence with a broader vocabulary, and you will go on to master a wide range of grammatical concepts by the end of Year 2.

We offer a range of up-to-date resources to support the new A level specification, and supplement these with authentic material from newspapers, blogs, magazines and television. We plan to have a Spanish language assistant working both in class and with individuals and small groups to increase spontaneity and to add authenticity to the topics covered. Our groups tend to be small so everybody has the opportunity to contribute - in Spanish, of course!

Course content

The themes listed below are covered over the two year course, with grammatical concepts taught in context.

- Current trends in Spanish-speaking society.
- Current issues in Spanish-speaking society.
- Artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world.
- Political life in the Spanish-speaking world.

You will also study a film and a book or play, and carry out an extensive Individual Research Project on a topic of your choice.

Assessment

Paper 1: 160 marks, 40% of total A level.

Listening, reading and writing (translation Spanish into English and English into Spanish)
2hr 30 minutes.

Paper 2: 90 marks, 30% of total A level.

Writing, 2 essays on the 2 literary works studied.
2 hours.

Paper 3: 60 marks, 30% of total A level.

Speaking. Discussion of a sub-theme studies and a presentation and discussion on the student's chosen topic for the Individual Research Project. Speaking exam lasts between 21 & 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)

Progression after Sixth Form

A large proportion of students who take a language at A level at St Peter's go on to study languages at university. Others opt for vocational courses with a foreign language. It is also possible and increasingly useful, to combine a foreign language at degree level with an unrelated subject such as a Science, Law or Business Studies. This opens the door to placements abroad and increased job opportunities.

Career opportunities

Many employers value competence in a foreign language, not only for the ability you will have to communicate effectively with other nationalities but also for the fact that it demonstrates good organisational skills, determination to succeed over an extended period and the ability to retain key information.

Studying a language can lead to careers in teaching, translation, the travel industry, journalism, customs and all businesses involved in exporting and importing goods and services.

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