In the Languages Department, we're passionate about the benefits that learning a language can bring. We strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and something which you should enjoy and find rewarding.

Why should you follow this course?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying A level Spanish is an excellent choice for you.

You will learn to understand a lot more Spanish when you hear it or read it and be able to say and write a lot more in Spanish.

There are many reasons for taking this A level course:

- You will be able to share your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak Spanish.
- You will learn about the countries where Spanish is spoken and get a lot more out of a visit there.
- You will add an international dimension to your choice of A level subjects, which is something many future employers and higher education providers look for.
- You will learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of future careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public, using problem-solving strategies, etc.
- You will create greater opportunities for yourself to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Many employers look for people who speak a foreign language.

How will I work?

You need to practise and improve your reading and listening skills so that you can understand a magazine article or a television discussion. You need to develop your vocabulary, your verbs and your knowledge of tenses. You will improve your ability to speak and write Spanish, to understand grammar better and gain in oral confidence.

What can I do after the course?

People with language skills and knowledge are highly thought of in the modern world. They stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons!

Taking A level Spanish means you will:

- have much more fun when travelling to a Spanish speaking country
- add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which will impress anyone who reads your CV
- be in a stronger position to get a job in companies with international links or to work abroad.

Examination Board: AQA (London) Qualification: A Level

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

1. Social Issues and trends

Aspects of Hispanic society:

- Modern and traditional values (Los valores tradicionales y modernos)
- Cyberspace (El ciberespacio)
- Equal rights (La igualidad de los sexos)

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society:

- Immigration (La inmigración)
- Racism (El racism)
- Integration (La convivencia)



2. Political and artistic culture

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world:

- Modern day idols (La influencia de los idolos)
- Spanish regional identity (La identidad regional en España)
- Cultural heritage (El patrimonio cultural)

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world :

- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens (Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos del mañana)
- Monarchies and dictatorships (Monarquías y dictaduras)
- Popular movements (Movimientos populares)

During the course, you will study a book and a film.

| A Level Assessment | | |
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| Paper 1 | Listening, Reading and Writing Test | 40% |
| Paper 2 | Writing | 30% |
| Paper 3 | Speaking | 30% |

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