

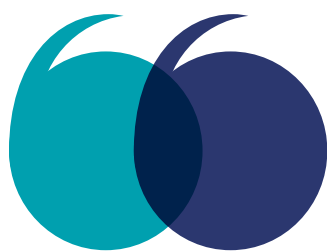
# Spanish

## What will I study and learn?

A level Spanish is a varied and interesting course; over the two years you will study:

- Aspects of Hispanic society: modern and traditional values; cyberspace; and equal rights
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society: immigration; racism; integration
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world: modern day idols; Spanish regional identity; cultural heritage
- Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world: today's youth, tomorrow's citizens; monarchies and dictatorships; popular movements.

You will also undertake an individual research project on a subject that is of interest to you, relating to a country or countries where Spanish is spoken. You will study a set text and film over the two years. Translation skills in and out of Spanish will also be developed.



At GCSE you learn key phrases, but in the Sixth Form you understand the structure of the phrases, elaborating on our preexisting knowledge of the language. You cover topics from immigration to literature or film. The contact time that I get with the Spanish Language Assistant is invaluable, and has really helped me to improve my speaking.”

**Sophie, OB**

Courses: Spanish, Mathematics and Geography

## What skills should I have and what will be developed?

You should have a sound understanding of the linguistic structures covered at IGCSE/GCSE level and an interest in Hispanic culture. During the course you will be encouraged to play an active role in class discussions and present your points of view on a range of topics related to the Hispanic world. By focusing on more precise grammar work, you will acquire sound translation skills and through the study of a set text and film, you will be able to write analytical essays in Spanish. In addition to the timetabled classes with your two teachers, you will benefit from conversation classes with our Spanish Language Assistant.

## Beyond the classroom

The Department organises a range of activities to complement your language studies, such as theatre and cinema trips to view Spanish plays and films, as well as tapas cooking competitions. We have also organised study trips to Spain where students have followed a programme of language classes and cultural activities.

## Future opportunities

Demand for Spanish speakers has risen considerably. There are about 500 million native speakers of Spanish; it is one of the fastest-growing and most exciting languages in the world today. Learning Spanish opens up a wealth of opportunities for further study, work, travel and adventure!

## Want to know more?

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### How will I be assessed?

You will sit three papers:

#### Paper 1

50%

Listening, Reading and Writing

#### Paper 2

20%

Writing

#### Paper 3

30%

Speaking

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should gain a minimum of a grade 7 at GCSE/IGCSE to study the language at A level.