

A LEVEL SPANISH

Any modern language will give you a valuable extra skill to add to your other subjects, and is a definite advantage in today's global job market. You can take one or two languages or combine a language with many other subjects at university. Spanish is the third most spoken language in the world, with approximately 400 million speakers. It is the official language in 20 countries, in Spain, Central and South America, so there are plenty of chances to use Spanish in a global context.

As part of your studies you will be required to conduct your own research on cultural topics and to take responsibility for your own wider reading.

An interest in Hispanic culture, history and politics is recommended.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include GCSE Spanish minimum grade 6, (please refer to the Entry Requirements section for further details).

How will I be assessed?

- Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Translation 50%
- Paper 2 – Essay Writing 20%
- Paper 3 – Speaking 30%

What will I study?

In the first year, you will study a range of topics including: changes in Spanish society, equality of the sexes, influence of idols, regional identity in Spain and cultural heritage in the Spanish speaking world.

You will also gain a deeper understanding of grammar and translation skills.

In the second year, you will study a range of topics including: immigration, integration and fascism, young people in society and their attitude towards politics, monarchy and dictatorships and popular movements. You will study a novel and a film from the Spanish speaking world.

You will also carry out an individual research project on a cultural theme that you are interested in and conduct your own wider reading and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

Where will this course lead me?

Studying Spanish will give you excellent career opportunities and life-long skills in today's global market. Knowledge of another language makes students more employable by standing out from the crowd. Employers value the transferable skills that linguists demonstrate.

Spanish is a subject that can be combined with arts, business, law, science and many other subjects for entry into Higher Education. It prepares you for careers that require good communication skills in a global environment such as business, management, law, engineering, international marketing, teaching and journalism.