

Spanish

Subject content

Year one aims to develop grammatical structures to a high level of accuracy and complexity. It will cover three topics in which you will develop a wealth of useful vocabulary and fluent phrases, and the confidence to speak, write, read and listen to Spanish. Theme one will be Changes in Spanish Society and theme two will be Artistic and Political Culture in Spanish-speaking countries. You will also conduct a literary study of a film or novel. In year two you will develop your critical thinking in spoken and written Spanish. You will also undertake an independent research project on an issue of your choice. You will continue to study themes one and two and also study two more central themes, together with a further literary text or film. Theme three is Immigration and Multicultural Society in Spain and theme four is The Period of Franco's Dictatorship and Democratic Transition.

Specific entry requirements

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Spanish.

Learning methods

You will experience a wide variety of methods of learning, such as paired work and group work on a particular topic, traditional lessons, and individual work such as listening activities, research work on a topic of your choice and literary analysis on a novel or a film. You will practise different skills every lesson, such as speaking, listening, reading and writing. You will be expected to use websites such as Kerboodle, Languages Online, YouTube and others to support your learning. To really help you develop your speaking skills and increase your confidence, you will be asked to attend a 30-minute speaking session each week, either on an individual basis or in a small group.

Assessment

Assessment is by examination. Paper 1 is a listening, reading and translation paper which will assess the topics covered during the course (40% of qualification). Paper 2 is a writing paper which will assess the texts and/or film studied during the course (30% of qualification). Paper 3 is the speaking exam which assesses the individual research project and one of the four topics studied (30% of qualification).

Progression opportunities

This course is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or further study in Higher Education. There are many courses at university where you can combine languages with another subject, for example business, law, teaching or travel and tourism. Knowledge of a foreign language will definitely improve your job prospects and career opportunities. Employers value language skills highly and language graduates are always sought-after.

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