



AS and A Level: Spanish

Modern Languages

Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
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Course Title
A-Level Spanish

QAN Code
601/8730/X

Awarding Body
AQA

Languages are needed for all kinds of jobs. Languages open doors in computing, customer services, engineering, finance, marketing, education and the media.

Language skills are useful right here in the UK; employers want people who can speak other languages, so they're not just useful for travelling or working abroad. Languages open doors - to travel, to meeting people and to new experiences.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, a language can help you get the best out of life. You don't have to be fluent for a language to give you the edge in fields such as tourism and retail, even basic knowledge of another language can be really useful.

The AQA A-level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The course is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree.

In Year 12 year, aspects of Hispanic society are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism. Students also study the political landscape including the future of political life in the Hispanic world by focusing on young people and politics.

They will also develop a deeper understanding of

the grammar of the language and be able to use it in a variety of contexts.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where Spanish is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in Spanish, listening to a variety of Spanish music and studying the popular culture of Spain and the Spanish speaking world.

Students must also study either one book and one film or two books from the lists in the specification. They must appreciate, analyse and be able to respond critically in writing in Spanish to the work they have studied.

Individual research is also a feature of the course. Students must develop a project from one of 4 themes and use this as the basis of their discussion with the speaking examiner.