

AQA GCSE Spanish



Why choose Spanish?

It is a proven fact that there are NOT enough British people who speak a foreign language, and this is causing companies to lose real business on a daily basis. Having a GCSE in a foreign language statistically makes you more likely to get a job, whether the job needs you to use your language directly or not.

How could Spanish help me?

A GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language gives you real skills in listening (useful for all professions) and also in communication and presentations (useful for all careers, particularly in business), and over all boosts your confidence. It also improves your English language skills as you continually compare languages. It helps advance career options and increase your earning potential in other professions too!

What jobs or further courses of study might this lead to?

Students who have studied Spanish have gone on to work in the following sectors: Journalism, Government, business, hospitality, working abroad, manufacturing, sales, teaching, freelance, medical, publishing, media, Games design & research, marketing, technology, social media, advertising, law, and many more.

What will the course look like?

GCSE Spanish is split into 3 themes and will include a wide range of learning material such as videos, downloadable context & transcripts, authentic materials and access to language specific learning tools.

The course looks at the world today through the medium of a foreign language. Each theme practises all four skill areas (speaking, listening, reading and writing).



Theme 1 – Identity & Culture

Relationships, Social Media, Technology, Music, Cinema & TV, Food, Eating Out, Sport, Spanish culture & festivals. You will describe friends and family and discuss how you get on. You will look at your leisure time and the advantages and disadvantages of new technology.

Theme 2: Local, national & International areas of interest

Home, Where I live, Voluntary work, Healthy living, Environment, Holidays & travel, Regions of Spain. You will look at holidays and time abroad and how to book accommodation, sort out travel, excursions, and how to deal with any problems that may occur. Study issues that affect young people such as smoking, drugs and the environment.



Theme 3: Current & Future study & Employment

School & subjects, Life at School, University & Work, Choice of Career. You will express your opinions about school, rules, homework and your future, including different careers and qualities you may need for them!

Fieldwork

As part of the course, you will have opportunities to take part in a range of activities which include tasting Spanish food, making your own recipe, excursions to experience Spanish culture & Spanish film. In addition, you can develop links with other Spanish students and practise your Spanish skills whilst making new life-long friends!

How will I be assessed?

All students will sit their exams at the end of the course.

Students will sit four exams (listening, reading, Writing & Speaking) and can choose either Foundation or Higher Tier. Each exam contributes to the total GCSE and there is no coursework. Listening: Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation), 45 minutes (Higher). Speaking: Non-exam assessment: 7–9 minutes (Foundation) + preparation time - 10–12 minutes (Higher) + preparation time. Reading: Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation), 1 hour (Higher) Writing: Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher).

