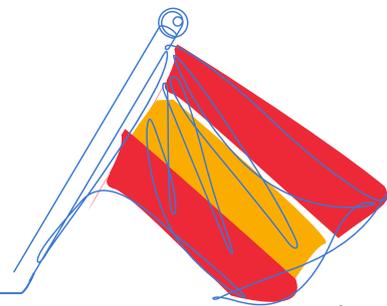


Spanish



About the course

A Level Languages provide a broad understanding of the culture, countries and communities where modern foreign languages are spoken and encourage enjoyment of language learning.

Year 12 Content:

Aspects of Hispanic society: modern and traditional values, cyberspace and equal rights.

Artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world: modern day idols, Spanish regional identity and cultural heritage.

Film: *Volver* – a 2006 film directed by Pedro Almodóvar and starring Penélope Cruz. A mesmerising story which follows a young woman's journey as she encounters the ghost of her mother who tries to fix the situations she couldn't resolve during her life. You will discuss the themes, cinematic techniques and social context of this film through detailed analysis in lessons and independent study.

Grammar – will revise and go beyond that of GCSE.

Year 13 Content:

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society: Immigration, racism and integration.

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world: Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens, monarchies and dictatorships and popular movements.

Literary text: *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* – a play by Federico García Lorca, one of the most famous Spanish writers of all time. The play follows the story of the matriarch Bernarda and her five daughters in Andalusia, Spain. You will discuss the themes, literary techniques and social context of this play through detailed analysis in lessons and independent study.

Grammar – a revision of AS, moving onto university level.

Assessment

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course. There are three exam papers:

Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing - Listening and responding to spoken passages. Reading and responding to passages. Translation into English. Students are in charge of operating the recordings.

Paper 2 – Writing – Writing about a novel and film and translating into Spanish.

Paper 3 – Speaking – Speaking card on a topic studied and research project.

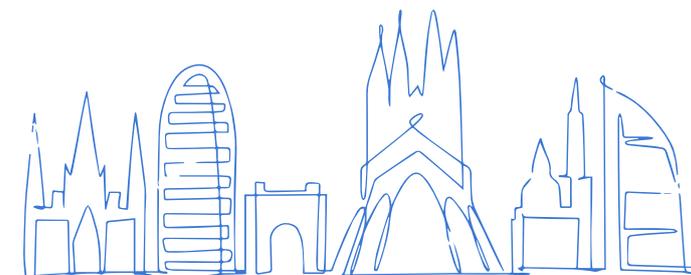
Careers

With an estimated 460 million native speakers and 538 million Spanish speakers in the world in total, Spanish is the world's second most widely spoken language. It spans from countries as diverse as Mexico and Argentina to the USA and Spain. The influence of Hispanic and Latino culture is seen across the globe in abundance through football, music, cinema, and more.

The Cervantes Institute estimates that the Spanish language is going to continue to grow exponentially over the next few decades, with over 780 million speakers by 2050. This means career opportunities for Spanish speakers will be plentiful and worldwide.

Entry Requirements

You will need to be a Higher candidate at GCSE Spanish and achieve at least a grade 6.



Find Out More

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