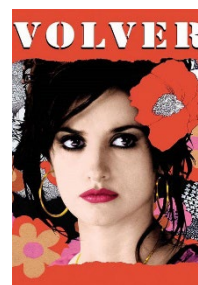


Spanish

Examination board – AQA (7692)



This course will help you to become confident in interacting with users of Spanish. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of the language, culture and society of Spanish-speaking countries, engaging critically with stimulating texts and films. You will also have the chance to carry out an individual research project on an aspect of Hispanic culture.

We teach in small groups at A level and the lessons are conducted primarily in Spanish. You will also have one-to-one sessions with the language assistant and a conversation lesson.

The examination for the full A level will be taken in Upper Sixth (Year 13), but the school has internal exams at the end of Lower Sixth (Year 12) as well as mock examinations in January.

AQA A Level Content

Year One Content

1. Aspects of Hispanic society: Family, cyberspace, equal rights.
2. Artistic Culture: Modern day idols, Spanish regional identity, cultural heritage.
3. The study of a film.
4. Grammar.

Year Two Content

1. Multiculturalism in Hispanic society: immigration, racism, integration.
2. Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world: today's youth, tomorrow's future, monarchies and dictatorships, popular movements.
3. The study of a work of Spanish literature.
4. Grammar.

Assessment

No access to a dictionary is permitted during the assessment or texts. Students may take the assessment only once before certification. The Speaking exam will be conducted by a visiting examiner and marked by an AQA examiner.

Paper 1 (Grammar):

Listening/Reading/Translation to and from Spanish.

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of A Level

Paper 2 (Essays):

One text "La Casa de Bernarda Alba" and one film "Volver" from the list set in the specification.

- Written exam: 2 hours (2 essays recommended 300 words per essay)
- 80 marks in total.
- 20% of A Level.

Paper 3 (Speaking):

Individual research project – one of four themes (i.e. aspects of Hispanic society; artistic culture in the Hispanic world; multiculturalism in Hispanic society; aspects of political life in Hispanic society).

- Oral exam: 21 – 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time).
- 60 marks in total.
- 30% of A Level.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities at A Level

Our students could take part in the following activities:

- Mentoring programme for younger students in the school.
- Outreach for primary schools
- Extended Learning lessons
- Cultural trip to Barcelona
- Theatre trip to London
- Opera/Flamenco in Birmingham
- University conference
- Guest Speakers
- Oxford translation competition
- Charity Event for LAFF
- Take part in the Spanish Department Cultural programme

GCSE Entry Requirements

A grade 7 – 9 in GCSE Spanish is desirable.