

Spanish

Examination board: AQA (7692)



This course will help you to become confident in interacting with those who speak 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. Finally, you will 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.

Content

Year one

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

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.

Assessment

No access to a dictionary is permitted during the assessment. The speaking exam will be conducted by a visiting examiner and marked externally.

Paper 1 (Grammar, Vocabulary):

Listening/Reading/Translation to and from Spanish.

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

Paper 2 (Essays):

One text and one film: "*La Casa de Bernarda Alba*" (text) and "*Volver*" (film).

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

Paper 3 (Speaking):

Individual research project – one of four themes (aspects of Hispanic society, e.g.: 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

Our pupils are encouraged to take part in the following activities:

- Mentoring programme for younger pupils in the school
- Running Spanish Club for Year 7
- Running Spanish Club for teachers
- Leading cultural activities to raise money for LAFF (our chosen charity Latin American Foundation for the Future)
- Teaching in our Outreach programme for primary schools
- Attending weekly extended learning lessons
- Participating in Oxford Competitions
- Theatre trip to London
- Opera/Flamenco in Birmingham
- Attending a university conference
- Programme of guest speakers
- Cultural trip to Spain.