

SPANISH

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

SPECIFICATION

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Preferred: GCSE Spanish grade 6

Essential: GCSE Spanish grade 5



AIMS OF THE COURSE

When you study A-level Spanish, you will further develop the four key skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing whilst studying through media such as podcasts, videos, songs and presentations with Film and/or Literature studies also included. We look at topics relevant to you.

COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Year 1:

- Theme 1: Family and changing relationships, jobs and careers in Spain, the tourist industry.
- Theme 2: Music, media studies, festivals and traditions in Spain+ Film or literature study

Year 2:

- Theme 3: Life as an immigrant, acceptance or marginalization, benefits of multicultural society
- Theme 4: From dictatorship to democracy – Spain's 20th century history + Film or literature study

Assessment:

- Paper 1 – Listening/Reading/Translation into English – 40%
- Paper 2 – Written response to Works/Translation into French – 30%
- Paper 3 – Speaking: discussion based on one curriculum area and on a topic of your choice – 30%

CAREER PROSPECTS

Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world with over 400 million speakers. Being able to speak Spanish can provide you with numerous academic and career opportunities with the chance to work and travel all over the world.

Language skills alone are already an advantage in potential employers' eyes, but Spanish even more so, as it's so widely spoken. Being able to speak Spanish could open up opportunities to work for global export companies. Similarly, in Spain, the manufacturing and textile industries are strong, providing further opportunities.

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



Something to think about...

What is life like for teenagers in Madrid or Mexico? Do I need to have a degree in a language to be able to use it in the future or is A-level sufficient? (Of course it is!)



Something to listen to...

Listen to a Spanish radio station Cadena Dial

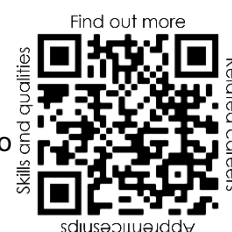
(<https://play.cadenadial.com>). This station plays only Spanish music with plenty of current pop songs.



Something to read...

Try looking at the www.bbc.com/mundo for BBC reporting in Spanish and click on videos for clips and reports in Spanish.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVcTr4OMKEU&feature=emb_logo



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