

Spanish

A Level

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Exam Board: AQA



What is the course about?

In Spanish, we discover more about Spain and Spanish speaking countries through the language and culture. This takes place in a variety of ways and using many different media.

In a typical week in Spanish, you can be discussing the role of grandparents in modern families, why gender equality is still an issue in parts of Latin America or watching and analysing a classic of Mexican cinema and giving your opinion on cinema techniques or how cinema has influenced daily life.

What will I study in the first year?

In the first year you will study how families have changed in Spain and Spanish speaking countries, the role of technology in society, the fight for equality for all, the influence of music and cinema on Spanish culture, why cultural heritage is important in both Spain and Latin America. You will also study a Spanish language film.

What will I study in the second year?

In the second year you will study the positive aspects of a diverse multicultural society and how this impacts on Spanish life and how issues of race and diversity are being addressed in the Hispanic world. You will also look at the importance of the monarchy in Spanish society, the legacy of the Franco dictatorship and a literary work.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment is 100% exam based, which consists of two written exams and a speaking exam at the end of Year 13.

What skills will I develop in this course?

By the end of the course students will have developed their ability to produce and understand the Spanish language to a high standard and will have also gained a more detailed understanding of the culture, politics and history of Spain and the Hispanic world.

What does this subject offer for higher education and future careers?

This subject is considered a competitive one in terms of university entrance. Spanish is seen as a very valuable skill amongst universities and employers and can be a gateway to working both at home and abroad in a variety of careers. Spanish is a common partner with Law, Humanities subjects, Accountancy, Journalism and Marketing or even another language.