

Spanish

A Level: Level 3

This Course

The A Level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where Spanish is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in Spanish.

The following elements make up the content of this two-year course:

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Works – study of literature/film
- Individual research project

Why Spanish?

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.

Language skills alone are already an advantage in potential employers' eyes, but Spanish even more so, as it's so widely spoken. Many British and American companies conduct business in Spanish-speaking countries, and with over 30 million Spanish speakers in the US alone, it's a great skill to have if you're looking to work abroad. Moreover, Spanish is the third most commonly used language on the Internet.

What's expected from me?

You should have a passion for learning the language and be interested in exploring the culture and society of Spanish speaking countries.

You should have a sound knowledge of the Spanish grammar and a broad vocabulary. You will be expected to have a proactive attitude, an independent style of learning, good time management and organisation skills as well as being able to meet deadlines.

Entry requirements: students should have achieved at least a grade 6 or above in Spanish GCSE.