

Studying Spanish at GCSE

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Why opt for a language ?

An excellent GCSE for employers + universities

You've already done most of the work, it's just a matter of perfecting what you know.



Work, travel abroad and speak the native language

More job opportunities, stand out in the interviews

Most of pupils studying a language have better memory and cognitive skills

SKILLS

Multilingualism develops the following transferable skills that employers look for...

- Decision-making
- Critical thinking
- Resilient problem-solving
- Open-mindedness
- Cultural awareness
- Willingness to accept new challenges
- Effective oral and written communication in English and your other language(s)

UNIVERSITY



CAREERS

- Management consultancy and business services
- Translation and interpreting
- Education
- Finance
- Tourism
- Government, charity and international development
- National intelligence and security



GCSE Content



1. People and Lifestyle

Identity and relationships with others

Healthy living and lifestyle

Education and work

2. Popular Culture

Free time activities

Customs, festivals and celebrations

Celebrity culture

3. Communication and the World around us

Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Media and technology

The environment and where people live

EXAMS

- Speaking Exam (25%)
- Writing Exam (25%)
- Listening Exam (25%)
- Reading Exam (25%)

EXAM ACTIVITIES

These are some of the activities you will be required to do:

- Describe a picture
- Read out loud
- Answer questions about your daily life
- Discuss about celebrities and current topics
- Compare lifestyles in the UK, Spain and South America
- Listen to real conversations in Spanish
- Translate sentences from Spanish to English and from English to Spanish
- Give opinion about different topics such as environment or social media

TIERS

You will be entered for the same tier for all 4 papers:

- Foundation (grades 1 - 5) or
- Higher (grades 5 - 9)



Year 11 Testimonies from Spanish students



What do they think about
learning Spanish?



Why opt for a language?

I like that learning languages is extremely useful even outside of school and work (Dhriti)

Languages are extremely beneficial because they develop your communication skills and boost your confidence (Honey)

Learning languages will come to support you when looking for jobs and it gives you an advantage over another person who has the same grades but no languages. (Iqra)

Spanish helps me relax when I am worried about other subjects (Honey)

At first, it was a bit overwhelming but, like everything, it's about practice. Now I look forward to every lesson! (Iqra)

REQUIREMENTS

- Come to your lessons well equipped
- Keep focused and participate in class
- Learn your vocabulary every week (you must enrich your vocabulary to move away from KS3 level)
- Do your homework and use language websites to practise when you don't have homework: Duolingo, BBC Bitesize, GCSEPod, Languagenut
- Practise every day!

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Linguascope (intermediate section)
- Quizlet
- Sprachenut : KS4 topics
- AQA GCSE website
- Kerboodle
- ExamPro
- GCSE Pod
- Our VIP zone: Useful Powerpoints to revise a topic (listening and reading tasks)
- BBC Bitesize

Useful to practise listening and reading (F/H)