GCSE Spanish

Course Specifications

Course Title: GCSE Spanish 8692

Exam Board: AQA

Link to specification: Spanish Specification

Grading: Foundation Tier Grades 1-5, Higher Tier Grades 4-9

Course Details

What will you learn?

Year 10

Autumn:

- Unit 1: Identity and relationships with others

Introducing yourself, talking about your family and describing relationships with family and friends.

- Unit 4: Free time activities

Saying what you like doing in your free time, vocabulary of hobbies, sports, TV shows and music. Future plans.

Spring:

- Unit 2: Healthy living and lifestyle

Talking about food and healthy diets, keeping fit and looking after your health. Comparing the Spanish lifestyle to your own.

- Unit 3: Education and work

Talking about your school day, facilities and rules, describing your school timetable and giving opinion on subjects. Positive and negative aspects about school. Vocabulary of jobs and talking about options after 16.

Summer:

Unit 5: Customs, festivals and celebrations

Talking about religious celebrations and unique family traditions. Learning about traditional Spanish and Latin American customs and festivals.

Unit 6: Celebrity culture

Describing your daily routine.

Year II

Autumn:

- Unit 7: Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Describing holidays in the three time frames (present, past and future). Being able to discuss holiday problems. Learning about Spanish and Latin American regions.

- Unit 9: The environment and where people live

Talking about where you live, describing your town and neighbourhood. Comparing life in the city and countryside. Saying what you do to protect the environment and talking about global environmental issues.

Spring:

Unit 8: Media and technology

Talking about your use of technology and how it has changed in recent years. Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of social media.

- Unit 6: Celebrity culture

Understanding celebrity culture and comparing celebrities. Being able to debate celebrities as role models and the pros and cons of fame.

Summer: Revision and practice papers

How will you be assessed?

During the course:

Year 10: End of unit assessments in two skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing), Mid-Year Exam, End of Year Exam (four skills).

Year 11: End of unit assessments in two skills (Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing), PPE1, PPE2.

At the end of the course:

Your final grade will be awarded based on the following examinations and / or coursework.

Paper I: Listening Exam

- 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)
- 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)

25% of GCSE

Paper 2: Speaking Exam

- 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + 15 minutes preparation time
- 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + 15 minutes preparation time
- 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 3: Reading Exam

- 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), I hour (Higher Tier)
- 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 4: Writing Exam

- I hour 10 minutes (Foundation Tier), I hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)
- 50 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

What independent work can you do?

Learn:

Spanish Subject Content Vocabulary

RAG and Revisit:

Spanish Personal Learning Checks

Explore:

Spanish BBC Bitesize

Revise:

Pearson for AQA Revision guide and workbook

Prepare:

Spanish Assessment Resources

Which resources should you use?

Textbooks, websites, online resources

Kerboodle online textbook and resources (Foundation and Higher)

Exampro

BBC Bitesize

Languagenut.com

GCSE Pod

Curriculum Information

Senecalearning.com	