

PCHS Curriculum Information Year 12 Spanish 2026–27

Course Title: A Level Spanish	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: 7652
How will students be assessed? Students will complete three external exams at the end of year 13. There is no coursework. The first examination is Listening, Reading and Writing, it lasts 2 hours 30 and is worth 100 marks. Listening and reading passages will be drawn from a range of contexts and sources, covering different registers and types, contemporary and historical material and will cover non-fiction and literary fiction. Students will translate a passage of at least 100 words from Spanish into English. The content of the passages will be based on the themes and sub-themes from this 2 year course. The second examination is Writing, a 2 hour exam worth 80 marks and during which students will write two essays in Spanish on the film and piece of literature studied over the course. The third examination is Speaking and lasts 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes supervised preparation time); with a total mark of 60. The test will be in two parts. Part 1 will be the discussion of one sub-theme from those in this 2 year course, lasting 5–6 minutes, and Part 2 will be the presentation and discussion of the student’s individual research project from Year 13. There will be internal assessments and mock examinations during the 2 year course.		

Key content	
HBE	JRD
Half Term 1 Modern and Traditional Hispanic Values Families in the past and at present Catholic Religion and Festivals Marriage and Divorce Family types	Half Term 1 Cyberspace Uses of Internet Has new technology improved our life for the better or worse? Use of Smartphones
Half Term 2 Equality of Rights The fight for equality of women Women in today’s society The rights of LGBT The role of women in the Hispanic world	Half Term 2 The influence of Idols The influences of musical idols The influence of sport heroes The new culture of fame

Half Term 3 Cultural Heritage Peru Mexican Art The Moor Architecture in Andalusia Musical Heritage	Half Term 3 Revision for Year 12 Mock examinations Regional Identity in Spain 'Semana Santa' in Spain Bullfighting Gastronomy in Spain The official languages of Spain
Half Term 4 Immigration Immigration in Spain Life of an illegal immigrant Mexican Immigration in the USA	Half Term 4 Complete Regional Identity Racism Racism and Xenophobia in Spain National and Local methods to combat racism Anti-racist legislation in the Hispanic world
Half Term 5 Study of film 'Volver' Pedro Almodóvar Historical Context of film Themes Cinematic Techniques Locations Characters	Half Term 5 (5 weeks) Complete Racism Youth of today, Citizens of tomorrow The youth and politics Youth unemployment Society ideals Revision for Year 12 Summer Mock Examinations
Half Term 6 (7 weeks) Complete 'Volver' Preparation for Mock Examinations/IRP preparation	Half Term 6 (7 weeks) Preparation for Mock Examinations/IRP preparation

