

# SPANISH

## WHY STUDY SPANISH AT STONYHURST?

### MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Small groups led by highly experienced and dedicated staff, each with their own area of expertise.

We will help you to develop and enhance your individual skills and talents and to reach your full potential as both a student and a person; preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

Studying Spanish in Higher Line will give you access to more courses at better universities and to a wider range of more interesting careers. Language courses fit well alongside virtually all other subjects and studying a language as a main or joint subject at university allows you spend part of your degree abroad.

The more authentic contact that you have with the many Spanish-speaking countries, the better. At Stonyhurst, this includes regular conversation practice with the Spanish Assistant, access to a wide-range of films, music and literature and the opportunity to take part in foreign trips and exchanges.

We also offer a variety of stimulating course enrichment activities, from the Hispanic society to visits to Spanish-speaking countries.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

As the course progresses, you will significantly increase your ability to understand and express yourself fluently when conversing or writing about a wide range of topics.

You will have the opportunity to discover some of the most reputable Hispanic artistic works, including novels, poetry and cinema.

Higher Line courses equip you with a sophisticated knowledge of grammar and how to use it most effectively.

You will learn essential skills in interpreting and translating.

Foreign language learning in Higher Line also allows you to learn a lot more about yourself and your own identity in comparison to others.

Finally, you will become a researcher in various aspects of the Spanish language and Hispanic societies, politics and cultures.

### WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ To study a language successfully in Higher Line, pupils need to be highly motivated, curious about other ways of life and fully prepared to extend their knowledge through hard work, participation and perseverance.
- ✓ There is significantly increased level of challenge between GCSE and A Level/IB courses. Pupils should have scored between 7-9 at GCSE.

### COURSE ENRICHMENT

- ✓ Hispanic Society – As a Hispanist (IB or A level) at Stonyhurst, you will automatically be a member of the Hispanic society, which meets on a number of occasions throughout the year. The society enjoys events such as Flamenco dance lessons, talks from university lecturers and visits to local events and festivals, such as the VIVA Spanish and Latin American Film Festival (at HOME in Manchester).
- ✓ Cultural visits to Spanish speaking countries – We aim to offer a language trip for Spanish linguists to a Hispanic country whilst studying

A level and the opportunity to come on a trip at the end of Syntax to help bridge the gap between GCSE and A level. Students will experience the culture first-hand and of course, practise their Spanish with the locals!

- ✓ Spanish language resources – In the More library students have access to a variety of DVDs, newspapers, books and magazines in their original Spanish language. Higher Line students are encouraged to access as many of these resources as frequently as possible- for studies or for pleasure!
- ✓ Weekly contact with the Spanish Assistant.



## WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

One-to-one sessions – Weekly individual classes with a Foreign Language Assistant to boost speaking and comprehension skills.

Regular clinics to focus on revising and reinforcing specific areas of the course and exam preparation.

## WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

### A LEVEL SPANISH AQA

A Levels have moved away from the traditional AS/A2 structure to a two year linear course with all examinations at the end of the two years.

The themes studied address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Assessment is through three examinations at the end of the course:

Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing (includes translation)

Paper 2 – Written response to artistic works (literature and film)

Paper 3 – Speaking (stimulus card and independent research assignment)

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STANDARD/HIGHER LEVEL

At Stonyhurst you have the opportunity to study Spanish at a range of levels on the IB course.

### Ab Initio

For students with no or limited knowledge of the language. You will develop skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing through studying three main themes: Individual & Society, Leisure & Work, Urban & Rural environment.

### Language B

For students with a good working knowledge of Spanish (GCSE grade 7-9 ideally). You will study communication and media, global issues, and social relationships, together with two additional topics. At higher level you will also study two works of literature.

### Language A

A guided self-taught course for students with a native level of the language. You will cover a variety of Spanish literature.

Our IB Diploma Programme is designed to produce highly-educated all-rounders who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.

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