

Course Description

Spanish

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This course equips students with the ability to communicate in Spanish and fosters transferable skills including critical thinking and creativity. In addition, it develops the understanding of Spanish culture and society and students will explore the influence of the past on present-day Spanish speaking countries. As part of the course, students will be encouraged to respond to thought-provoking questions and explain viewpoints in Spanish. This is a two year course.

Features of the A Level course include:

- use of up to date authentic texts from a variety of sources – magazines, newspapers and internet articles
- listening to real Spanish in conversations, interviews, news items, DVD and the internet
- study of aspects of society in the Spanish-speaking world
- study of a Spanish film and piece of literature
- opportunities for personal research of topics and independent work
- individual help, support and encouragement throughout the course
- regular sessions with the Foreign Language Assistant

The following topics are studied throughout the course:

Year 12

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights
- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage

Year 13

- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration
- Youth politics
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements

Entry Criteria

The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.