

Welcome to.....

GCSE Spanish at the Hastings Academy. The aims of the course are to enable students to develop their ability to communicate with Spanish native speakers in both speech and writing and to develop language-learning skills both for immediate use and to prepare them for further language study and use in school, higher education or employment. They will study across a variety of contexts relevant to their age and interests, and will develop a greater awareness of culture of Spanish-speaking communities and countries.

Course Breakdown

Exam board : Edexcel

Over the course, students study a range of relevant contemporary and cultural themes. They are organised into five themes, each broken down into topics and sub-topics.

Year 10:

Theme: Identity and culture: relationships, interests, socialising with friends and family, role models; social media and technology, cultural life (reading; music; sport; film and television)

Theme: Local area, holiday and travel: Holidays experiences, travel and tourist transactions (travel and accommodation, asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping), town, region and country (weather; places to see; things to do)

Theme: School: What school is like (school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success), school activities (school trips; events and exchanges)

Year 11:

Theme: Identity and culture: customs and everyday life; food and drink; cultural life (celebrations and festivals)

Theme: Future aspirations, study and work: Using languages beyond the classroom (travel, employment), ambitions (further study; volunteering; training), work (jobs; careers and professions)

Theme: International and global dimension: Bringing the world together (sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes), environmental issues (being 'green'; access to natural resources)

Revision Resources

- Student will have access to a textbook for vocabulary, practice activities and model answers.
- a vocabulary booklet will be given to students.
- www.pearsonactivelearn.com – online resource to practise listening, reading and vocabulary learning- some revision work can be set by teacher
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize: (**Exam board : Edexcel**) interactive platform with mini- revision sessions, videos and practice activities
- Revision workbook (given to each student) - students can complete exam style question practice activities in workbook (including listening) - students can self-check most of their work (answers at the back of workbook) or ask feedback from their teacher.
- www.senecalearning.com : interactive learning platform

Other useful resources:

- Further resources can be found using 'Office 365' and Teams
- www.duolingo.com : vocabulary learning App (10 minutes a day sessions)
- www.quizlet.com : vocabulary learning and practice platform- students can access and create set of interactive flash cards.

We will not be able to help your daughter/son reach their potential without parental involvement and support. Please encourage them regularly to access the support and material.

