

# A Level Spanish

**Examination board & syllabus: AQA SPANISH**

**Minimum Entry Requirements: GCSE SPANISH Grade 6**

## **Course Outline:**

The A Level Spanish course is designed to develop and build on the language skills acquired at GCSE and to provide a deep insight into another culture and society.

- **A Level course : 2 year linear course** with all assessments at the end of Year 13

During the Year 12 course, students will cover: **Aspects of Spanish society: Current trends, Artistic culture in the Hispanic world and a cultural topic (a film)**

The Year 13 course covers **Aspects of Spanish society: Current issues, Aspects of political life in the Hispanic speaking world, a cultural topic (a book)** and opportunities for an **Individual Research project based on an aspect of Hispanic society.**

## **A-level examinations in June, the end of Year 13:**

- **A-level Paper 1:** Content assessed: All Aspects of Spanish speaking society (Year 1 and 2) and grammar; Written exam: 2, 5 hours, 40% of A level
- **A-level Paper 2:** Content assessed: one book and one film or two books and grammar; Written exam: 2 hours, 90 marks, 30% of A Level
- **A level Paper 3:** Content assessed: Individual research project based on Spanish speaking society and one of the four sub-themes studied across the 2 years 30% of A Level, oral exam

## **Independent Study Tips:**

Students will be provided with several learning booklets containing past material (E.g. stimulus cards/exam questions/grammar practice) and will be given details of websites where they can listen to Spanish radio, read Spanish news and watch Spanish television. They will also spend time outside of classroom to practise their speaking skills and discuss the topic areas with a designated teacher.

## **Higher Education Progression:**

The A Level course is essential for degrees in Spanish. There are also combined degrees which include Spanish, for example Law with Spanish, Politics with Spanish, History with Spanish, International Relationships/Law and Business with Spanish etc.

## **Career Opportunities:**

Linguists have a wide range of career opportunities open to them - the business world, translating, interpreting, teaching, journalism, any career involving travelling, amongst many others.

## **Useful Websites:**

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)

[www.marca.com](http://www.marca.com)

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

[www.tve.es](http://www.tve.es)

[www.kerboodle.co.uk](http://www.kerboodle.co.uk) (online support)