

Spanish A level

Exam Board

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Description

An A Level in Spanish is always highly regarded by top universities and employers particularly as it is the second most spoken language in the world of commerce and business above French and German. The course emphasises the integration of the four language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking and the study of “contemporary society” with reference to countries where Spanish is spoken.

Resources include; recorded television programmes, magazine, newspaper and articles downloaded from the Internet as well as text books.

At present we offer an immersion trip to Spain as well as a Spanish exchange. We believe that in order to speak the language and understand the culture you need to experience life in Spain and so we encourage all A level students to participate in one of these opportunities. In addition we offer the chance to participate in Erasmus programmes where you work alongside peers from other European countries. Those who are selected for these programmes are highly regarded by Universities.

Erasmus trips where you have the chance to work alongside students from other countries.

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation

2 hours 40%

Content overview:

This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all four themes, the examination is made up of:

Section A: Listening (30 marks) A listening assessment based on a recording, featuring male and female Spanish speakers. Students will respond to comprehension questions based on a variety of contexts and sources.

Section B: Reading (30 marks) A reading assessment based on a variety of text types and genres where students will have to respond to comprehension questions.

Section C: Translation into English (20 marks) An unseen passage to be translated from Spanish to English.

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation.

2 hours and 40 minutes 30%

Content overview:

This paper draws on the study of a novel and a film.

Section A: Translation (20 marks) Students translate a passage from English into Spanish.

Section B: Written response to novel or play.) (50 marks)

Section C: Written response to film. (50 marks)

Paper 3: Speaking

Assessment overview:

Students complete two tasks.

Task 1 Students discuss one theme from the specification based on a stimulus containing two different statements. Task 2 Part 1 (independent research presentation) Students present a summary of at least two of the written sources they have used for their research and give a personal response to what they have read.

Task 2, Part 2 (discussion on independent research) Students answer questions on their presentation and then have a wider discussion on their research.

Admission Criteria:

Grade 6 or higher in the associated language at GCSE.