

Spanish (AQA)

ABOUT THE COURSE

Students will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. They will study highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, including a focus on Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations. They will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world.

Students will explore the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities. Throughout their studies, they learn the language in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

Assessment tasks will be varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

It is a series of terminal examinations at the end of Year 13. AS exams will be taken at the end of Year 12 but run side by side with the A-level content.

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Aspects of political life in Hispanic society
- Grammar

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes - 50 % of A-level

Paper 2: Writing

- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar

Written exam: 2 hours - 20 % of A-level

Paper 3: Speaking

- Individual research project
- One of four sub-themes ie Aspects of Hispanic society or Artistic culture in the Hispanic world or Multiculturalism in Hispanic society or Aspects of political life in Hispanic society.

Oral exam: 21 – 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) - 30 % of A-level

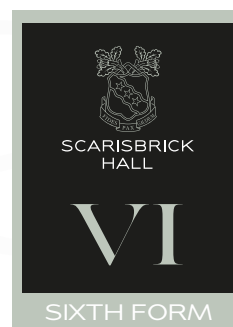
Why Choose A-Level Spanish?

Students find that Spanish is a natural fit for many subjects, enabling them to use their skills and qualifications to access career opportunities at home and abroad.

On a wider level, anybody who wants to travel for work or pleasure should consider taking this course.

You will:

- Develop and build on skills learned at GCSE
- Achieve a sound basis for further study
- Gain an insight into Hispanic culture and society
- Have the opportunity to study Hispanic film and literature.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There is a minimum requirement of at least a Grade B in Spanish at GCSE.

BENEFITS / HIGHER EDUCATION / CAREERS

Apart from being beneficial at a personal level, your A-level in Spanish can help with quite a few career paths.

If you decide to continue to a language degree, you will have the opportunity to spend a year living in a Spanish speaking country.

For those who want to specialise in language, there is translation or teaching. Or maybe you want to work in the travel and tourism industry or even as, say, a designer or engineer, being proficient in a language will give you broader career options.