



Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

Curriculum Leader: Mrs C Singh

Examination Board: WJEC

Overview of course content

WHAT OUR GCSE STUDENTS SAY...

"What I love most about the course is that we cover a lot of useful topics that you may find yourself using if you ever visit Spain. Also, I like that this language enables you to have a life skill. It's an exciting and interesting language that will provide you with more opportunities!"

"I personally know that I would like to be in the Forces and I believe that knowing understanding and speaking another language will be a huge help."

"In lessons, it's a nice, calm environment, not to mention the lessons are always fun!"

"I like how we revisit some of the topics from Year 7 to 9, meaning it isn't too stressful to start from scratch."

"Opting for Spanish will possibly earn you more money and set you apart from competitors for jobs, as many employers are unsatisfied with the language abilities of their employees."

"We learn to talk about things that actually interest us e.g. sport, entertainment."

"There are so many better ways to learn languages than continuously writing in our books, which isn't at all what learning French and other languages is about. We're given so much time in lessons to review work and practise our speaking because there are countless ways to learn languages, and teachers in this department try to use as many of them as possible, so rest assured - you won't be bored!"

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS SAY?

A GCSE language...

...gives you transferable skills; you develop the ability to think creatively, to forge connections between communities, to translate across cultures and identities.

...demonstrates to employers that you can absorb and memorise information (vocabulary) and can apply rules (grammar). Also that you are adaptable and can communicate clearly.

Language skills are even more important in an increasingly digital, post Brexit and post COVID world.

Languages can take you places you don't yet know you want to go. You don't have to be fluent in a language for it to lead to career opportunities!

In most careers nowadays, language abilities are highly valued and there is a shortage of people with language skills, especially in the Engineering and Finance sectors. So having a language GCSE will help you to **STAND OUT** from the others!

GCSE Spanish is only available to those already undertaking the course at KS3. Students learn to communicate effectively in speaking and writing and in a wide range of situations through the themes of:

- Leisure and Wellbeing
- Travel
- Study and Work

Summary of Assessment

Weightings for each unit are as follows:

1. Oracy 30% 2. Reading and writing (literature) 15% 3. Listening 20% 4. Reading and Writing 35%

All four skills are assessed in Year 11. Unit 1 is conducted and recorded by the teacher. Unit 2 is a non examination assessment to be sat in the classroom and is based on a study of a short piece of written work in Spanish (short story, film script, novel or graphic novel). As such, we recommend pupils are fully committed to the process of language learning throughout the three years.

The examination is not tiered so all pupils will sit the same papers. 50% of the course is assessed through reading and writing and so this should be taken into consideration when making decisions.

Learning Pathways Post 16

Languages are essential for a wide variety of careers including tourism, government, media, journalism, fashion, law and translation. In addition to being able to communicate in a foreign language, the skills acquired during the five years of learning Spanish are highly transferable and very highly regarded by employers in all sectors.