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Studying Spanish at A Level is not just about the language – it is a rewarding course which combines a high level of linguistic knowledge with fascinating cultural themes. By studying Spanish, you will increase your fluency and have the chance to explore Hispanic culture in depth, as well as studying a book and a film.

## Course Outline

### Year 12

**Theme 1:** Changes in the Spanish society (family structures, the world of work, tourism in Spain)

**Theme 2:** Culture in the Spanish-speaking world (music, media, festivals and traditions)

**Film:** *Diarios de motocicleta*

### Year 13

**Theme 3:** Immigration and multicultural society (positive impact of immigration in Spain, challenges of immigration and integration in Spain, public and social reaction to immigration)

**Theme 4:** The civil war (rise of Franco, Francoist dictatorship, from dictatorship to democracy)

**Literature:** *Como agua para chocolate*

**Independent research project**

## Assessment

3 papers:

**Paper 1** – Listening, reading and translation into English (2 hours)

**Paper 2** – Translation into Spanish and written response to works (film & book) (2 hours 40)

**Paper 3** – Speaking test (20 minutes): discussion of a stimulus card followed by a general discussion on the theme & presentation and discussion on the independent research project.



## Career Progression

All employers want to see foreign language skills, and so Spanish A Level will make you stand out from the crowd. At university, you could study Spanish on its own, with another language from scratch, or combined with a different subject (such as law, business, or history). Regardless of the degree you chose, an A Level in a foreign language will enable you to take part in university exchanges abroad, such as the ERASMUS scheme.

## Complementary Subjects

Spanish A Level combines well with any subject, and is considered a 'facilitating subject' by top universities. If you are focussing on the sciences, Spanish will provide a complementary international dimension, and allow you to stand out with your language skills. Spanish also combines well with any humanities subject, and you will find that the cultural topics often overlap with history, sociology and politics.

## Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in Spanish GCSE and in English GCSE

*What our Students say:*

*"It is only when learning Spanish at A level that you realise how amazing the Spanish language and culture are. If you have always wanted to speak fluently and spontaneously, then Spanish A level is for you."*

*Hilda – Class of 2018.*