



Sixth Form Subject Guide

SPANISH

★★★ CAREERS RELATED TO STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

If you choose to study Spanish, you will develop comprehensive written and spoken communication skills, becoming adept at arguing a point, framing a narrative, and analysing various levels of meaning. Thus, Spanish language students can be found in most industries, filling a variety of roles – from editor to academic, or legal advisor to manager.

You could consider a career as an interpreter/translator, medical professional, law enforcement professional, writer, teacher, journalist, or hotel manager.

★★★ A LEVEL COURSE CONTENT

Learners will gain an understanding of how to use the language in a variety of situations. They will be expected to handle texts and other source materials, extracting information in order to respond to specific tasks. Through their studies, learners can expect to achieve greater fluency, accuracy, and confidence in the language.

Description of Components

- Speaking Test
- Reading and Writing
- Essay
- Texts

★★★ A LEVEL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Speaking Test

- Presentation
- Topic conversation
- General conversation

Component 2: Reading and Writing

- Two passages in Spanish are set which deal with related themes.

Component 3: Essay

- A list of five topics, selected from the topic areas (Family, Law and order, Travel and tourism, Technological innovation, Pollution)

Component 4: Texts

- Section 1 and Section 2:
Candidates answer three questions in Spanish.

Each question must be on a different text, taken from the list corresponding to the year of examination in section 4.5.

The list is divided into two sections: candidates must choose at least one text from each section

★★★ METHODS OF STUDY FOR A LEVEL

A Level includes a practical way of learning Spanish.

This approach is conveyed by learning that takes place with the students being exposed to language that is comprehensible or made comprehensible to them. In this process, the teaching is done entirely in the language being learned; task-based language learning, critical thinking, and developing the ability to understand Spanish in a variety of registers.

Learning a new language involves listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In the area of language learning, these four skills are critically important, and these components are widely developed and focused on. A Level Spanish encourages positive attitudes toward language learning and a sympathetic approach to other cultures and civilizations.

★★★ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEVEL

Minimum mark required, Grade B.