



Sixth Form Subject Guide

AS LEVEL 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.

★★★ AS LEVEL COURSE CONTENT

The AS Level Spanish Language course covers six main topic areas:

- **Culture:** Entertainment, identity, cultural heritage, the arts
- **Health and Well-being:** Physical/mental health, nutrition, work-life balance
- **Education and Future Plans:** School life, higher education, career choices
- **Community and Society:** Equality, lifestyle, social organisation
- **Our Responsibility for the Planet:** Environment, sustainable living, global cooperation
- **Science and Technology:** Innovation, social media, access to technology

★★★ A LEVEL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT (100% EXAM BASED)

Paper	Component	%
Paper 1	Listening (approximately 60 minutes)	25%
Paper 2	Reading (1 hour 30 minutes)	25%
Paper 3	Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)	25%
Paper 4	Speaking (approximately 16 minutes)	25%

★★★ 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

Students are expected to have completed a course equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE Foreign Language Spanish (or an equivalent qualification), ideally achieving at least a Grade B.

Expected CEFR level upon entry: **A2**