



Spanish

Overview

As a highly regarded facilitating subject, Spanish is undoubtedly a challenging but thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding A Level subject. The course is a natural evolution from your GCSE as you will continue to work on the same four key skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as well as translation into and out of Spanish. You will study many interesting aspects of Spanish-speaking society and the Hispanic world, including technological and social change, diversity and the benefits and challenges it brings, highlights of artistic culture, and political life. There are also opportunities to explore theatre and film in the Spanish-speaking world. The full A Level course allows also for independent research in an area of your choice.

Students will follow the AQA Spanish A level course (code 7692)

Paper 1: Listening, reading, and writing. 40% of A Level, 2 hours 30 minutes. Assessment of aspects of Spanish speaking society's current trends and issues, Hispanic artistic and political culture, and grammar.

Paper 2: Writing 30% of A Level, 2 hours. Two c. 300-word essays on each of our studied film (for Summer '22 this is El laberinto del fauno) and text (Crónica de una muerte anunciada for Summer '22).

Paper 3: Speaking 30%, 21-23 minutes. Presentation and discussion of your Individual Research Project. Discussion of a card on one of the themes from aspects of a Spanish-speaking society.

Expectations

Prior to the beginning of the course, you will be expected to complete a transition grammar pack, covering key features from the GCSE specification. You will have a passion for all things Spanish and a commitment to developing all your language skills, both in the classroom and beyond. Throughout the course, you are encouraged to keep up to date with Hispanic culture, for example by listening to/reading the news from Spanish-speaking countries, and to make the most of the many excellent opportunities the internet offers for research, insights and immersion into Spanish language and culture. You will be a self-motivated and independent learner, able and willing to take responsibility for and track your own progress

Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities

Students will be able to act as mentors for younger students of Spanish. We may also have theatre/film trips to view Hispanic productions or be invited to join relevant talks by the Modern Foreign Languages Department at Oundle School, with whom we have a good relationship. There is a huge variety of online resources available for learning and enjoying Spanish outside the classroom and you will be encouraged to use these to research your chosen topic for your Individual Research Project in Y13. The department has a small lending library of Spanish films and books, and newspapers and radio stations are also easily available online.

Entry Requirement: There are no additional entry requirements to those mentioned in the Sixth Form Prospectus. However, students should have GCSE Spanish at Grade 5 or above.