

## A level Spanish - Overview

### Themes and topics covered

Over the 2 years, you will study 4 themes, separated into 12 different sub-themes:

#### Theme 1 - The evolution of Spanish society

- Changing family structures
- The world of work
- The impact of tourism

#### Theme 2 - Politics and art in the Spanish-speaking world

- Music
- Media
- Customs and traditions

#### Theme 3 - Immigration and multicultural society

- The positive impact of immigration
- The challenges of immigration and integration
- Reactions to immigration

#### Theme 4 - The Franco dictatorship and the transition to democracy

- The Civil War and the rise of Franco
- The Franco Dictatorship
- The transition from dictatorship to democracy

### Lessons, homework and online learning

You will have approximately 6 taught lessons over the fortnight, and will be allocated 4 hours for self-study, which will be spent using the online learning portal. In addition to this, you will also be expected to take part in at least one 15-minute one-to-one speaking session every week. This will be timetabled during one of your free periods. You will be set regular homework tasks to help you consolidate learning independently.

### Response to works (literature and film)

During the course, you will study a film and a novel in Spanish. The works we will be studying are:

- *Volver*, directed by Pedro Almodóvar (film)
- *Como Agua Para Chocolate*, written by Laura Esquivel (novel)

### Independent Research Project (IRP)

As part of your speaking exam, you will need to research and prepare a project on a topic relating to the target language culture. Your project should be in the form of a question that you seek to investigate and answer. e.g. ¿La monarquía española, todavía es necesaria?

### The A level exam

Paper	Skills	Marks	Timing	Weighting
1	Listening, Reading & Translation (Sp-Eng)	80	2 hrs	40%
2	Written response to works and translation (Eng-Sp)	120	2 hrs 40	30%
3	Speaking	72	16-18 mins	30%

*\*All exams are completed at the end of the 2 years, there is no coursework element.*

*Throughout the 2 years you will complete mock exams and have the opportunity to practise key exam skills.*

**Paper 1:** You will be expected to listen/read and respond to spoken/written passages from a range of contexts and themes, with all questions in Spanish. You will also be asked to complete a short translation from Spanish into English.

**Paper 2:** You will be required to write 2 essays, of around 275-350 words, based around the literary text and film that you have studied. The essays require a critical and analytical response.

**Paper 3:** The speaking exam consists of 2 tasks:

- Task 1 is a discussion on a sub-theme (from a choice of 2). It should last around 6-7 minutes and you will have 5 minutes to prepare.
- Task 2 is in two parts. Part 1 is the presentation of your research (IRP) and should last no more than 2 minutes. Part 2 is a wider discussion about your research and will last 10-11 minutes.