



Bloxham School

Spanish

A Level



Why choose this subject?



- A level Spanish is ideal for students who are interested in what makes people tick.
- There are fascinating insights into the modern day and historical culture of Spanish speaking countries – el mundo hispanohablante.
- Students can move away from transactional GCSE language and learn how to confidently engage in a conversation about politics, Spanish art or the state of the environment.
- There is a broad range of topics to encourage curiosity and deeper understanding.
- There are forays into the worlds of music, cinema, literature and art.

The nature of the course



- Examination board: AQA
- Course contents: topics in L6 include; las familias, el ciberespacio, la igualdad, el patrimonio cultural y la identidad regional .
- In U6 students study la inmigración, el racismo, la integración, la política, monarquías y dictaduras y movimientos sociales.
- There will be study of a novel and film as part of the written and speaking exam.

Examination structure



- The AQA A level exam is in three parts.
- Paper one – Listening, Reading and Writing (translation from French to English and English to French).
- Paper two – Writing – two essays in Spanish on the novel and film studied.
- Paper three – Speaking – a card on one of the A level topics for discussion and debate in Spanish; an Individual Research Project (IRP) on an aspect of modern life from el mundo hispanohablante.

With which subjects can it be combined?



- Spanish can be combined with all sorts of different A level subjects: History, Politics, Geography, English Literature, Theology, French, Psychology, Economics, Maths, Art, Business Studies, Sciences. The possibilities are endless.
- Spanish at A level develops excellent transferable thinking skills which can be applied across curriculum areas and used in Higher education and the workplace.

What do we expect from candidates?



- Candidates must be curious about culture, people, ways of life in different countries, language and communication.
- We expect engagement in the contemporary and historical political, artistic, economic and social life of hispanic countries.
- Candidates must be prepared to do independent research and to keep abreast of all issues in the media.
- Immersion in everything the hispanic world has to offer will reap dividends in terms of breadth and depth of knowledge.

Higher Education and Careers?



- The world is your oyster if you speak a language other than English!
- You will be more adaptable learners of other languages too and can study numerous languages from scratch at university.
- Many universities offer exciting courses which combine languages with politics, law, business, journalism and the humanities.
- There are opportunities for study abroad as part of degree courses.
- Jobs which require bi and tri-linguism are plentiful in the European Union and other major European institutions.
- The financial sector and corporate businesses favour graduates with language skills.

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