

# Spanish A level



Hertswood

## Why take this subject?

Spanish is suitable for you, if you wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree. In this A-level, as well as deepening your knowledge of Spanish language, you will study technological and social change, and explore the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. You will also learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world as well as the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities.

Studying a language at A Level fosters a range of transferable skills such as communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, all of which are valuable to both you as an individual and to society as a whole. Furthermore, we place high value on teamwork in the completion of a range of tasks.

## What do I need to have studied in year 11?

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9-5 including English and Maths
- At least a Grade 6 in Spanish

## What will we study?

The course blends all four language skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) into the lessons and is taught in the target language to ensure full immersion in Spanish. In Year 13 you will also study one literary text and a film in depth. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice in order to develop your capacity for autonomous study and apply your critical thinking skills in Spanish.

### Themes

#### YEAR 1:

##### **1. Social issues and trends: Evolving society in Spain.**

**Changing family structures** - evolving attitudes to marriage, relationships and families.

**Impact of tourism** - economic impact, opportunities offered by tourism; environmental and social impact.

**The world of work**- working life and attitudes to work, gender equality; opportunities for young people.

##### **2. Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture in the Spanish speaking world (study of a film)**

**Music** - changes and trends; impact of music on contemporary culture.

**Media** - print and online media; impact on society and politics; television and soaps

**Festivals and traditions** – festivals, celebrations, customs and traditions.

#### YEAR 2:

##### **3. Social issues and trends: Immigration and Spanish multicultural society**

**The positive effects of immigration** – contributions of immigrants to the economy and culture.

**Facing the challenges of immigration and integration in Spain** – actions by local communities; marginalisation and alienation from immigrants' perspectives.

**The public and social response to immigration** – political approaches towards immigration; public opinion.

##### **4. Political and/or intellectual and/or artistic culture; The Franco dictatorship and transition to**

**democracy.**

**Civil War and the rise of Franco (1936-1939)** – the civil war and the rise of Franco; the republicans vs the nationalists; divisions in society.

**The Franco dictatorship** – daily life under Franco’s dictatorship; political oppression, censorship, divisions in society.

**The transition from dictatorship to democracy** – the role of King Juan Carlos in the transition; the Suárez government, the 1981 coup.

### How will I be examined?

Unit	Assessment	Weighting
Paper 1. Listening, reading and writing.	Aspects of Spanish Society. Artistic culture in the Hispanic world. Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society. Aspects of the political life in Hispanic Society.	Written exam: 2hrs 30 minutes. 100 marks in total. 50% of A-level.
Paper 2 Writing	One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification. Grammar	Written exam: 2hrs 80 marks in total 20% of A-level
Paper 3 Speaking	Individual research project One of four themes (Aspects of Hispanic society of Artistic culture in the Hispanic world, or Multiculturalism in Hispanic society or aspects of political life in Hispanic society)	Oral exam; 21-33 minutes. 60 Marks in total. 30% of A-level.

### What super curricular opportunities will be available to me?

- Trips abroad to Spain
- Theatre and film in Spanish
- Attending Modern Language events in London
- Mentoring students in KS3

### What can this subject lead to?

The list is endless, but here are some popular examples:

Studying languages at University or studying a combined course such as Law and Language, Business and Language, IT and Language, as well as having the opportunity of studying/working abroad through different projects.

Careers in:

- Education,
- Art
- IT
- Finance and Business,
- Trade and Industry,
- Law and the Diplomatic service,

- Government,
- International Banking,
- Marketing,
- The Media,
- Tourism,
- The Armed Forces,
- The Intelligence Services,
- Non-governmental Organisations (international charities),
- International organisations (i.e. UN, WTO, EU, ILO and many more)

### **Subject Specification**

This qualification is linear. This means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course