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What will I study?

You will build on skills acquired at GCSE, developing further your knowledge of Spanish language and grammar as well as transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity. Most excitingly, you will gain insight into another culture and society whilst at the same time enhancing employment prospects and facilitating foreign travel. The best Spanish students not only thrive learning about Hispanic society and culture but also enjoy discussing the topics covered that are interesting in their own right.

A Level

This is a two year course which is examined at the end of Year 13. There are four main strands in the new A Level.

Aspects of Hispanic Society:

- Modern and traditional family
- Cyberspace
- Equal Rights for minorities

Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World

- The influence of role models
- Regional identity
- Cultural heritage

Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society:

- Immigration
- Integration
- Racism

Aspects of Political Life in the Hispanic World

- Future citizens
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements and revolutions

Literature and film

(two works currently- *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* & *El Laberinto del Fauno*)

Individual research project on any aspect of Hispanic culture that is of interest.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 6 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Specialist facilities

Fully resourced dedicated classrooms including a specialist computer room

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time

1 hour speaking lesson with native speaking foreign language assistant

6 hours independent learning

Resources needed

Access to a good online quality dictionary

Course Textbook and cultural texts

Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing (2.5 hours), 40 % of A level

Paper 2: Writing (2 hours), 30 % of A level

Paper 3: Speaking (20 minutes), 30 % of A level

Career Opportunities

Spanish is not just for those who wish to continue solely with languages as a chosen career. Spanish is an excellent partner alongside, for example, Politics, Art, Science or Geography. Spanish is highly regarded and respected by employers and higher education institutions. It is a life skill that can be transferred to many of situations in the workplace and open many doors, literally, around the world.

Previous students have immediately gone travelling after A levels and before university around Andalusia. Another used Spanish as a springboard to learning Oriental languages at a Russell Group university.

