

Spanish GCSE

Examining board: AQA

Course Outcome: GCSE 9-1

Why study a language?

We live in a global community and, whether for work, pleasure, or both, we will come into contact with another language at some point.

A GCSE in a foreign language is looked upon very positively by colleges, universities and employers. Some university courses have made a GCSE in a foreign language compulsory. Learning a foreign language is a skill that will stay with you throughout your life and it will prove to be of use wherever your career may take you. Many people regret not continuing with a language. It broadens your horizons, opens doors, allows you to communicate with others, develops cognitive function and makes you stand out from the crowd. Did you know? More than 400 million people in the world speak Spanish!

What will I study?

Identity and culture:

- Family and friends
- Leisure activities
- Daily routines

Local, national, international:

- Festivals and events
- Charity-related activities
- Features of a town or region

Study and employment:

- School and beyond
- Work and work experience
- World of work, eg job interview, applications, etc.

How will I be assessed?

There is no coursework and the overall grade will be made up of a set of exams at the end of the course.

You will be examined on listening, speaking, reading and writing, each of which make up 25% of your overall mark.

Foundation paper allows a student to gain grades 5 – 1

Higher Paper allows a student to gain grades 9-4