

GCSE Spanish



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

AIM: To teach and help you to understand and use useful, everyday Spanish in a variety of real-life situations. The skills acquired through learning a language are lifelong and can be used in many aspects of a student's study during Years 10 and 11 and not purely in Modern Foreign Languages. Learning a language gives students the ability to communicate effectively and understand how language is formed, skills which underpin study elsewhere. Acquisition of a foreign language develops these skills as well as deepening awareness of other cultures and life in other countries.

Where will it take you?

Having a qualification in languages means that you will be highly sought after by employers. It is essential to have a GCSE in a modern language if you want to continue to study a language post 16 at college. Some universities also require a GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language to access their degree courses.

A qualification in languages can be useful in many areas of employment, not just teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, interpreter, translator. Being able to understand and converse in a foreign language can also help if you wish to become a police officer, lawyer, travel rep, air steward, bi-lingual secretary, sales rep and if you wish to work in business or banking.

Pick a foreign language, any foreign language. No matter what language it is, the beauty of having a language degree is that there is no one given career path following graduation. Language degrees can open up opportunities in areas that you may never even have thought to look at.

- **Foreign Civil Service.**
- **Airline Service. • Advertising.**
- **Editing and Publishing.**
- **Event Management.**
- **Import/Export Specialist**

What will you learn?

You will learn the sort of Spanish which will help you in a variety of situations you might come across as a tourist, as a visitor in a Spanish family or if you met Spanish speaking people in the UK

You will develop your reading, listening, speaking, writing and translation skills in Spanish through access to authentic materials and resources.

What skills will you need to be successful in this subject?

This qualification gives students the opportunity to:

- develop their ability to listen and understand the spoken target language in a range of contexts and variety of styles;
- communicate in writing;
- understand and apply a range of vocabulary and structures;
- develop communication strategies which will greatly increase their ability to cope successfully with unknown words.

There are two main types of strategy: those that relate to understanding (reading and listening) and those that relate to production (speaking and writing), develop problem solving skills and development of memory skills.

What does the course look like?

The entry tier in Year 11 dictates the grades that are accessible, which are listed below:

Foundation Level – Grades 1 2 3 4 5

Higher Level - 4 5 6 7 8 9

The course assesses the following skill areas:

- **Listening** (Paper 1) - 25% (external assessment)
- **Speaking** (paper2) - 25% (external assessment)
- **Reading** (Paper3) - 25% (external assessment)
- **Writing** (Paper4) - 25% (external assessment)

What homework can I expect?

Learning a language is a continuous process and students will be expected to learn vocabulary on a weekly basis, which will be tested in class. Past examination papers and other reading and listening exercises will also be set for completion at home.

Additional Requirements

We advise that students studying this course purchase their own Spanish/English bi-lingual dictionary.

For further information please see Mr Wiseman