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Yr10 GCSE Spanish

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome your child to GCSE Spanish. Studying a language at this level is both exciting and rewarding. It not only develops communication skills but also enhances cultural awareness, memory, resilience, and problem-solving skills that will benefit your child across all subjects and in future careers.

During the GCSE course, pupils will work on the four key language skills:

Listening – understanding spoken Spanish

Speaking – communication in conversations and role plays

Reading – interpreting texts, articles and authentic materials

Writing – producing accurate and creative written Spanish

They will explore a wide range of themes over the next 2 years and will be examined in all four skills at the end of Year 11.

How you can support your child

Even if you do not speak Spanish yourself, there are many ways to encourage and support your child in their studies:

- Encourage regular practice: 10–15 minutes a day of vocabulary revision (using flashcards, Quizlet, or vocabulary lists) is much more effective than last-minute cramming.
- Promote active listening: Pupils can watch Spanish-language TV, films, or YouTube videos (with subtitles if needed) to improve listening skills.
- Support speaking practice: Ask them to teach you a few words or phrases they have learned. Repetition aloud really helps with confidence.
- Celebrate progress: Recognise their achievements, no matter how small, and remind them that mistakes are a natural part of language learning.
- Use resources: Encourage your child to make full use of school resources such as revision guides, vocabulary lists, online platforms, and language learning apps. It will also be expected that pupils create a 'Home Learning Folder'. Over the course of the 2 years, they will build this up to be the perfect revision tool needed for the exams.



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We want every pupil to feel confident and motivated in their language learning journey. With your support at home and their commitment in class, they will be well prepared for success in GCSE Spanish.

If you have any questions or would like further guidance on how to help your child, please don't hesitate to contact me at vlozano@tcat.school

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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