

TITLE	SPANISH
BOARD	AQA
INTRODUCTION	The A level course is designed to enable students to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of countries where Spanish is spoken by putting the study of language in its cultural, literary and social context.
COURSE STRUCTURE	Students will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. They will study highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, including a focus on Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations. They will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world. Students will explore the influence of past and present-day Hispanic communities. Throughout their studies they learn the language in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.
ASSESSMENT	<p>At A level there are 3 examinations at the end of the second year:</p> <p>Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing. Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes • 100 marks in total • 50% of A-level</p> <p>Paper 2: Writing: 2 hours • 80 marks in total • 20% of A level.</p> <p>Paper 3: Speaking: Oral exam: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) • 60 marks in total • 30% of A level.</p>
GENERAL COMMENTS	The course offers enjoyment, intellectual stimulation and challenge to students with a real curiosity about the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Students should be prepared to take part in discussions, reading activities, role-plays and comprehension exercises using a variety of materials, such as textbooks, newspapers, magazines, TV and the Internet. Students will be expected to undertake additional independent work to support their learning. Students will be timetabled for an additional weekly half-hour session with the Foreign Language Assistant in a small group to improve their speaking skills. First-hand experience of a Spanish-speaking country is encouraged during the period of study.
PROGRESSION	Students with the ability to speak one or more foreign languages are becoming increasingly sought after and students with a post-GCSE qualification in Spanish have acquired skills and knowledge of real value in future employment, leisure and further study. The A level prepares students for traditional language courses offered by most universities, but linguists are also in great demand in banking, insurance, marketing, business, engineering, law and many other areas, and degree courses including a language element are becoming more and more popular, many of which offer the opportunity to study abroad for part of the course.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<p>In order to study A level Spanish you must have followed a GCSE course and obtained at least a grade 6, and ideally a grade 7, or be a fluent speaker with/without qualifications.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding the courses please contact Ms Filisetti.</p>