

Spanish

Exam Board	AQA
Course Entry Criteria	7 in GCSE Spanish
Essential skills	An interest in the subject is the most important thing. A good grasp of grammar is also important, although this will be reinforced at the start of the course. You must have an interest in discussing and debating contemporary issues as you will be working on developing your speaking skills with the foreign language assistant.
Overview	Students will study a variety of topics throughout the two-year course, including aspects of Hispanic society such as the Day of the Dead festival, the use of technology in modern day Spain, changes to family life and immigration. Students will also be given the opportunity to complete an independent research project on an aspect of Hispanic society and will study both Hispanic film and literature. Students will take all examinations at the end of Year 13. Work from the Year 12 topics will be continued to a higher level in Year 13 when additional topics will be introduced.
Year 12	<p><u>CORE CONTENT</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aspects of Hispanic society – Traditional and Modern Values, Cyberspace and Equal Rights Artistic culture – Influence of Idols, Spanish Regional Identity and Cultural Patrimony Grammar Works: Almodóvar films, specifically <i>Volver</i>
Year 13	<p><u>CORE CONTENT</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Multiculturalism in Hispanic society – Immigration, Racism and Integration Aspects of Political Life in the Hispanic World – Youths of Today and Yesterday, Monarchies and Dictatorships and Social Movements Grammar Works: Literary texts – <i>Como Agua para Chocolate</i> and Almodóvar films, specifically <i>Volver</i>
Exams	<p>Exam 1 – Listening, Reading and Writing 50% Aspects of Hispanic society, Artistic culture in the Hispanic world, Multiculturalism in Hispanic society, Aspects of political life in Hispanic society and grammar</p> <p>Exam 2 – Writing 20% One text and one film or two texts from the lists in the specification and grammar</p> <p>Exam 3 – Speaking 30% Individual research project and a speaking card on one of four sub-themes i.e. Aspects of Hispanic society or Artistic culture in the Hispanic world or Multiculturalism in Hispanic society or Aspects of political life in Hispanic society.</p>
University requirements	<p><u>Typical grade requirements to study a Spanish degree are as follows:</u></p> <p>Oxbridge: A*A A / A A A Russell Group: A A B to B B B Non Russell Group: B B B</p>
Related courses and careers	<p>Courses – Languages are “facilitating subjects” as recommended by the Russell Group of Universities. An AS/A2 in Spanish would be beneficial to a great majority of courses at university, and would be particularly helpful if you choose to spend a year abroad.</p> <p>Careers – Translating, Interpreting, Finance, Law, Sales and Marketing, Engineering, Tourism, Leisure, Public Sector, United Nations and European Union, Media, Teaching (Primary and Secondary), Linguistics, plus knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level.</p>