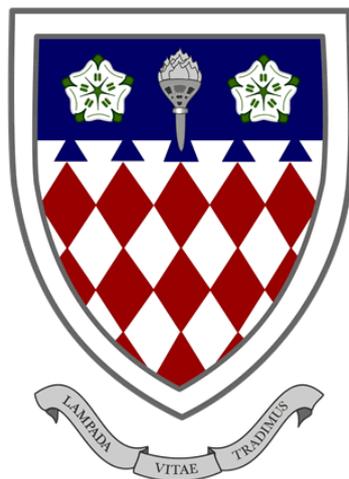


Spalding High School Sixth Form

A Level Spanish



Why Choose A Level Spanish?

If you enjoy studying Spanish at GCSE and you are on target to achieve a grade 6 or above, then this academic subject would be a smart choice for you. This is an exciting time to be learning Spanish: demand for Spanish speakers has risen considerably, and it is one of the fastest-growing global languages in the world today. It is the official language in 21 **countries** and more than 500 million people speak Spanish in the world.

Students particularly enjoy the opportunity to express themselves in the language in small teaching groups and develop a love and passion for the Spanish that lasts a lifetime.

Our examination results are excellent and all students are provided with comprehensive coaching and mentoring throughout the course. We invest in our students and considerable time and effort is spent supporting them with their university applications; both personal statements and interview preparation. Many go on to read for a languages degree at the top universities, including Oxbridge, which certainly looks favourably on Spanish A level regardless of whether you are pursuing further study in this area.

Spanish A level is studied over two years, but the benefits will last a lifetime.

What career paths might I follow with A Level Spanish?

It is undoubtedly the case that the practical knowledge, transferable and analytical skills acquired by our Spanish students are held in high esteem by employers.

Although Translation/Interpreting and Education are possible career routes; they certainly are not the only options available. Former SHS Spanish students now have successful careers in Banking, Civil Service, Commerce/Industry, Communications, ICT, Journalism, Law, Librarianship, Manufacturing and Service Industries, Politics, Broadcasting, and Tourism/Travel.

The Higher Education Statistics Agency finds language graduates to earn around 10-15% more than other graduates and have the lowest unemployment rates overall (only outdone by those in medicine and law).

What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

This course is suitable for students who have a real passion for Spanish and who are proactively searching opportunities to develop their knowledge.

Studying Spanish at A Level gives learners the opportunity to develop their understanding of not only the Spanish language, but also the Hispanic World, through the study of Spanish in cultural and literary contexts.

Topics include: Modern and Traditional values, Cyberspace, Equal rights, Immigration, Racism and Integration, Modern day Idols, Spanish Identity, Cultural Heritage, Today's Youth and Tomorrow's Citizens, Monarchies and Dictatorships, and Popular Movements. Students also study a literary text and film in addition to choosing a topic for their own Independent Research Project.

These topics should inspire learners to take part in lively discussions and debates. One of the most important skills learners will develop is the ability to express and defend different points of view in Spanish.

The language used at A Level is more sophisticated than that which is used at GCSE and all four skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) are assessed. There are three examination papers to sit at the end of the course: Paper 1 (Listening, Reading & Writing), Paper 2 (Writing) and Paper 3 (Speaking).

What do our students say about A Level Spanish?

"The subject was taught in a relaxed and friendly yet challenging environment and this suited my learning style."

"I continued Spanish through to A-Level and loved it! It became a day to day part of my life and I don't know what I'd do without it now! "

"The topics you learn about in your A levels are so much more interesting than you'd think."

"As a class we came up with creative ways of learning and it was the most fun two years plus everyone was jealous they didn't take Spanish."

Specification

Exam Board— AQA

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7691>

Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Spanish

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