SPANISH

"Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things"

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The Ferrers Sixth Form

Why study Spanish?

The ability to communicate in more than one language is a valuable asset in an increasingly globalised world. Studying Spanish in the sixth form allows students to communicate successfully in a range of contexts with more than 600 million Spanish speakers worldwide. Students of A Level Spanish will not only be able to pursue further studies in languages, but will also develop their confidence, independence and critical thinking. These skills are transferrable and will enhance students' CVs and career prospects in many career paths.

What will you study?

Year 12

You will improve all language skills of listening, speaking, reading, translating and writing. However, with a view to achieving fluency in the language, the course involves a great deal of oral work. You will take part in in-depth discussions about the culture and societies where Spanish is spoken. In Year 12, you will focus on social issues and trends, and artistic culture in the French speaking world. You will also study a film during that year.

Year 13

During Year 13, you will become more confident in your language ability, using more accurate grammar to discuss issues such as immigration, multiculturalism and political life. You will also develop your presentation skills by conducting and discussing the findings of your independent research project. In addition, you will study a book from a Spanish speaking country.

How will you study?

The course involves listening and reading from a variety of sources, such as newspapers, magazine articles, interviews and broadcast. You will take part in class discussions and presentations, write essays and summaries and practice translation skills.

How will you be assessed?

Spanish is a linear qualification. All exams are taken at the end of the course.

Paper 1 – reading, listening and writing (2.5 hours) Includes a 100-word translation into English and a 100 word translation into Spanish. 50% of A level.

Paper 2 – writing (2 hours) Essay on one film and one text. 20% of A level

Paper 3 – speaking (21 – 23 minutes) Discussion of one of the subthemes in the course. Individual research project presentation and discussion. 30% of A level

What do you need to study the course?

Entry requirements: 4.5+ including English and mathematics 4+. Students must have sat the Higher Tier paper in their chosen language and achieve at least a grade 6. Skills and attributes: An interest in vocabulary and Spanish culture.

Which subjects combine well with Spanish?

History, geography and English language and literature.