



Prince Henry's
Grammar School

SIXTH FORM

Spanish

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Why Study Spanish?

With over 400 million speakers, Spanish is one of the fastest growing languages in the world today. As the third most spoken language, travelling to Spanish speaking countries can take you as far afield as Argentina or as close to home as Spain. Authentic Spanish resources are readily available and are regularly used to supplement the course book and an online independent learning facility. Songs, films and online clips play a large part in the delivery of this course. For many years we have run successful exchanges with our partner school in Madrid and we are looking forward to doing so again in the future.



Course Content and Assessment

Speaking and listening skills are partly developed through discussion work, to which students are expected to contribute, and through regular conversation classes with a native Spanish Language Assistant. By studying more advanced aspects of Spanish grammar, students are equipped with the necessary skills to understand more complex texts, and to write with greater fluency and accuracy.

The A Level course comprises three modules:

- **Aspects of Hispanic society**
 - Modern and traditional values
 - Cyberspace
 - Equal rights

- **Multiculturalism in Hispanic society**
 - Immigration
 - Racism
 - Integration
- **Political and artistic culture**
 - Modern day idols
 - Spanish regional identity
 - Cultural heritage or the cultural landscape
 - Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
 - Monarchies, republics and dictatorships
 - Popular movements

These are examined at the end of Year 13 by three units of assessment:

- Paper 1 = Listening / Reading / Writing
- Paper 2 = Writing
- Paper 3 = Speaking

Progression Routes

This course will provide a sound basis for those who want to go on to study Spanish to degree level. However, A Level languages are highly regarded and, consequently, many employers actively look for candidates with an A Level language qualification. With opportunities for linguists within the business, media, finance, sales, manufacturing, and hospitality industries, learning a language does not just lead to translating, the travel industry and teaching. Many Higher Education courses in subjects such as Marketing, Business, Science and Engineering now include an element of language study and/or period of work experience abroad.

Entry Requirements

In order to cope with the demands of the course, students should have gained at least grade 6 in Spanish at GCSE, and should have taken the Higher Tier Papers.