



# Spanish GCSE

Exam board and Specification code: Edexcel 1SP0

Available Grades: 9 - 1



## What is studied?

- How to communicate with others in Spanish
- How to use language imaginatively and creatively
- How to use reference materials
- How to develop language and memory skills which can be transferred to English
- How to describe, explain and justify your thoughts and ideas on relevant topics in a detailed manner
- The culture and civilisation of other countries

## How do we study Spanish?

- This is a class-based course – teaching and learning activities are directed by specialist teachers who provide the support materials and resources.
- Students will work individually, in pairs or in small groups, increasingly more emphasis is placed on learning key vocabulary at home
- We follow the EDEXCEL 9-1 GCSE course which is interactive
- The speaking component is practical where pupils adapt language they have learnt in role-play and conversational situations. In the final exam students choose a topic to prepare and present for discussion.
- Students must endeavour to adhere to deadlines for home-learning tasks and to keep up to date with class work and the grammar taught.

## How will you be assessed?

- **Paper 1:** listening exam (25% marked out of 50) questions in Spanish and English
- **Paper 2:** speaking exam (25% marked out of 70) role play, a picture based task and 2 conversations (one prepared beforehand on a topic of your choice, another conversation task given on the day of examination)
- **Paper 3:** reading and understanding exam (25% marked out of 50) texts in Spanish with answers in Spanish plus translation tasks into English
- **Paper 4:** writing exam (25% marked out of 60) creative, spontaneous response plus translation tasks into Spanish
- Be aware that assessment is **100% linear**, i.e. based on final exams across the skills - you must be able to write in Spanish on the day of the exam on at least 4 of the main themes
- There is a greater emphasis on grammar and knowledge of linguistic structures and application of learning
- You will be entered for **either** Foundation tier or Higher Tier

## Who is this subject suited to?

- This subject is suited to pupils who have an **aptitude and enthusiasm** for learning Spanish and **who have studied it before** and who have a good grasp of the key grammatical concepts
- Students will need to be well organised, cooperative, resilient and demonstrate an ability to work **independently** and analytically

## What this subject leads to?

- Languages count towards your EBacc subjects and entry into select universities in the UK.
- Studying a language will provide you with a wider range of career opportunities in various fields. Some examples are: Journalism, Broadcasting, Teaching, Advertising, Marketing, Law, Interpreting, Translating, Writing, Editing, Publishing, International Sporting Events, Tourism, Hospitality, Politics
- In every environment, speaking languages gives you access to an entire new world: music, film, books, cultural history, politics and cultural understanding.
- Languages are a useful skill and it is widely acknowledged that they offer many cognitive and cultural benefits regardless of your future career plans. Employers value language and communication skills.

## Who can you get more information from

Your current Language teacher  
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