

Spanish

GCSE

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Examination Board:	Edexcel
Assessment:	100% exam 25% each for listening, speaking, reading writing)

Why should I study this subject at Key Stage 4?

There are more than 400 million Spanish speakers in 21 countries where Spanish is the national language. It is considered one of the easiest languages to learn and is completely phonetic, meaning that its pronunciation is relatively straightforward. More than 2 million British people visit Spain for a holiday each year, attracted by its sunny climate and lengthy coastlines. Mexico is also becoming an increasingly popular holiday destination. By studying Spanish to GCSE, you gain a useful level of fluency that will enable you to travel as well as enjoy a wide range of Hispanic culture that is becoming increasingly accessible. In addition, it will offer you a useful qualification that will enable you to study Spanish at A level or to pick it back up as an option as part of your university course.

What does the course involve?

GCSE Spanish helps you explore a wide range of topics, from celebrations and festivals, through getting by as a tourist in Spain to international campaigns and events. You will learn about Spanish culture through a range of interesting topics which will add to your understanding of the language and country. Learn more about countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it.

Differences from Year 9

You already know a lot of the vocabulary and grammar you'll need for GCSE: you know how to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your hobbies, where you live and school. You'll build on this knowledge during your GCSE course, and move on to new topics.

Skills developed

The ability to listen to, understand and speak Spanish in a range of contexts and for a variety of purposes; develop language learning and communication skills which can be applied broadly; develop an interest in and a knowledge of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken. You will also practise translation skills, which will prepare you for a smooth transition into AS and A Level.