

Studying A level Spanish at CCGS

The department

A level Spanish is delivered by a team of teachers.

The course

You will study a wide variety of topics such as Technology, Equal rights, Regional Identity in Spain, Popular Culture in Spain, Immigration, Integration, Racism as well Key moments in Spanish history and politics. In addition you will study 1 Hispanic Film and 1 book. The aim is to improve your language but also to introduce you to the cultures of Spain and Spanish Speaking countries.

The exam

We will do the AQA Spanish exams. You will be tested on all 4 skill areas as you were at GCSE. You will also be required to write an essay on the book and the film that you have studied, as well as present an independent research project as part of the speaking exam.

Why Study Spanish at A level?

An A level language complements a whole variety of subjects. You may need languages for all sorts of career destinations – doctors, psychologists and physiotherapists need language skills to communicate effectively with patients whether they work in the UK or overseas; businessmen, bankers and entrepreneurs all need language skills to make deals and sell products on the global market, Politicians, historians, geographers and holiday reps all need language skills to get to know the people and the area that they are passionate about. Everyone needs someone who can speak a foreign language.

What can I do afterwards?

Languages are an invaluable skill to have. Having a language can increase your salary from 8 – 20% and gives you a head start on other potential employees as by speaking another language you're vital to any company who does international business (and there's a lot of them). Plus, A level languages are held in high regard by many universities.

How can I prepare for the A level course?

Continue to work hard in your GCSE Spanish lessons, you will need all the vocab, grammar and skills that you are using at GCSE to succeed at A level. You should also start to follow some Spanish feeds on Instagram; try 'Spain' and 'daily.spanish.word' to start. You could also buy some parallel text story books from Amazon which have the Spanish story on one page and the English on the other. Lastly, you could watch your favourite TV programme in Spanish instead of English.