

# Spanish

Qualification:  
GCSE

Studying a language:

- All kinds of jobs require languages
- Languages open doors – both in the UK and abroad, to meeting people and to new experiences
- Enhances your career opportunities. Many former students have gone on to university courses which have a language element eg, Law with Spanish
- Certain universities require you to have a language at GCSE
- Head of Education at the Premier League says “Being able to speak another language opens up a world of opportunities to play and coach in football leagues across the globe”

Is this course for me?

There are two ways of taking Spanish, as an ordinary daytime option or as a twilight. Twilight Spanish is for students who would like to continue with Spanish but are unable to fit it into the main timetable. It will involve three hours of twilight lessons for 2 years. Students doing twilight must be committed and prepared to work **INDEPENDENTLY**.

Spanish is for students who started the language in Year 9 only.

What does the course involve?

- A GCSE course. The four skills tested are: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course covers a variety of topics based on real life situations, for instance, a visit abroad, leisure activities and social issues.

How will my work be assessed?

**GCSE:** The course awards marks to each of the four skills and will use the new grading structure 1 → 9.

## **Overview of Assessment:**

The new GCSE specification for languages will be linear with all assessments at the end of the course. There will be no Controlled Assessments but there will be 4 final exams.

Year 9 have already started on the GCSE syllabus for Spanish. This is so that they can approach the new skills and requirements for GCSE prior to the Options process. You will learn many skills useful in other subjects such as concentration, memorising, spelling accurately, communicating clearly and problem solving. There is a good selection of material on the internet, with interactive activities, practice and revision.

What courses can this lead to in Post-16?

- ‘AS’ and ‘A’ Level Spanish.

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