

Notre Dame

Sixth Form

Exam Board: AQA

Spanish

If you have >>

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including a grade 6 or above at GCSE Spanish, you will be welcomed onto this course. We look at real world issues, film, literature and understanding cultural awareness of Spain and Latin America. Students who have not studied Spanish before will not be accepted on the course.

You can >>

Apply to join this course which builds on the learning covered at GCSE but allows you to develop your understanding of language and how to develop your communicative skills to talk about a broad range of topics at a sophisticated level in Spanish.

This will mean >>

You will build upon all 4 key skills: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. This specification has been designed to be studied over two years. The approach is a focus on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of society are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism.

Students also study one book and one film or two books. They appreciate, analyse and respond critically in writing in Spanish to the work they have studied. This year students are studying 'El laberinto del fauno' and 'La casa de Bernarda Alba'

This course will appeal to any student who >>

Loves languages, enjoys a challenge, is interested in the wider world, and wants to enhance their communication skills as well as their cultural understanding of other countries. You must have a passion for Spanish and a desire to learn about all aspects of Hispanic culture.

You will >>

Complete three modules for the A level. The examinations are explained below. It is expected that students would be interested in practising their language skills outside of the classroom also.

Course Modules are >>

A level: Unit 1 Listening, reading and responding

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

- 100 marks
- 50% of A-level

All questions are in Spanish and are responded to in Spanish
Translation skills are tested: Spanish – English and English- Spanish (100 words).

Knowledge of current affairs is assessed.
High level of grammar knowledge is essential.

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A Level: Unit 2 Writing Written exam: 2 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80 marks in total• 20% of A-level	1x 300 word essay based on the novel studied. 1x 300 word essay based on the film analysed.
A Level: Speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral exam: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)• 60 marks in total• 30% of A-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5–6 minutes). The student studies the card for 5 minutes at the start of the test (25 marks).• Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9–10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks).

With this subject you could >>

This course is beneficial for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree. Careers in teaching, business, interpreting and translation are just some of the fields that language students can enter. An A level in a language is an invaluable qualification that can open many doors in the future. Language skills are well sought after by employers in many areas of work. A language qualification can be a great asset when applying to universities.

For more information contact >>

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