

SPANISH: TECHNICAL INFORMATION

GCSE

GCSE Course Title	Code	Awarding Body
Spanish	8698F/H	AQA

Paper	Method of Assessment	Weighting
Paper 1 LISTENING	Examination	25%
Paper 2 SPEAKING	Examination	25%
Paper 3 READING	Examination	25%
Paper 4 WRITING	Examination	325%

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Spanish can be studied as the core language at GCSE. In addition French may also be studied as one of your option subjects.

Background Knowledge and Qualifications

The GCSE Spanish course builds on the knowledge you have acquired in Years 8 and 9. It will appeal to girls who enjoy communicating in Spanish and learning about different cultures. The new GCSE course will allow girls to develop their written and spoken communication skills as well as their comprehension of both listening and reading material.

Course Description

You will learn to understand and express your opinions on a variety of contexts and purposes:

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

Topic 3: Free-time activities

Theme 2: Local, national and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

Topic 3: Global issues

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

These themes give you scope to say what you think, listen to others and speak and write with increasing fluency and confidence about your own experiences and those of other people, including those from communities where the target language is spoken. In addition to learning key language girls will build up a variety of communication strategies for tackling authentic language.

There is additional conversation practice on a rota basis with the Spanish Assistant. Girls have regular access to our language laboratory which provides further opportunity for working with authentic resources and independent study.

Use of Course and Qualification

Languages are highly valued by employers and in Higher Education, not only for the ability to communicate with overseas partners, but also for the thought processes, memory capacity and cultural awareness that are acquired.

Spanish is a world language. With some 400 million speakers, it is the fourth most commonly spoken language, an official language on four continents and the mother tongue in 21 countries. It is one of the official languages of international conferences, the United Nations and the European Union.

Amongst the 900 companies operating in the UK Banco Santander, the Inditex group, which owns Zara, Telefónica, and the energy company Iberdrola are major players.

Spanish could open up a world of opportunities for you.