

Spanish GCSE (Edexcel)

What is the Spanish Department like?

We are housed in the Gill Building with specialist classrooms, a computer room with 12 workstations and satellite TV and a recently installed 20 station Language Laboratory. Each classroom has its own VCR / DVD player as well as a data projector which is connected to the College network.

There are two teachers of Spanish. The Head of Department, in common with all the staff in the Languages Department, has spent considerable periods of time living and working abroad. The other member of the Department is in fact a native speaker of Spanish which is extremely advantageous both from a linguistic and cultural perspective.

Which course you will follow?

Students follow and complete the Edexcel Spanish Full GCSE course in just one year. Three hours per week will be allocated to this course.

What will you study?

You will cover several key topics such as the family, hobbies & pastimes, leisure activities, house and home, the area where you live, daily routine, school & part-time work and holidays.

Furthermore, you will learn how to operate in a number of transactional situations such as asking for information at the tourist office, ordering food & drink, asking for & giving directions, booking a hotel room / plot on a campsite & dealing with problems, shopping, travel arrangements, changing money in a bank, etc.

What will you gain from the course?

Our aim is to ensure that you gain a sound, working knowledge of Spanish across a variety of topic areas that will be of practical use when visiting a Spanish-speaking country. In addition to this, you will learn about Spain and its culture. Ultimately, of course, you will gain a GCSE qualification.

What opportunities will you get to visit a Spanish speaking country?

The Spanish Department will be organising a trip and / or exchange visit next year in which you are welcome to participate. Such ventures give you a unique opportunity to practise the language you have learnt in a real environment as well as experience Spain or South America first hand.