

A-Level Spanish

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Being able to speak Spanish not only enables you to communicate with the 400 million other speakers worldwide, but it will bring other academic benefits as well. Given its rich artistic and literary history, studying Spanish at A-Level will **enhance any further study** you do in arts-based subjects such as Art, History, Sociology, Geography, Music and many more

The Spanish language has a bright future

- In terms of its popularity, Spanish shows no signs of slowing down, with the total number of speakers increasing steadily over the past decade. A recent report published by the British Council ranked Spanish as the most important second language for British citizens to learn, placing it ahead of French, [Arabic](#) and Mandarin.

Your travel experiences will be enhanced

- Travelling is one of the most enriching experiences you can have, yet the quality of that experience will be significantly enhanced by the ability to speak Spanish. The list of countries in which Spanish is the predominant language includes popular destinations like Spain, Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic

You could work or study abroad

- While travelling can be exciting in of itself, [learning Spanish](#) also opens up the very real possibility of either working in a Spanish-speaking country or studying in a Spanish-based academic institution. Getting out of your comfort zone and spending prolonged periods in an overseas country can help you to develop professionally and personally.

It will expand your entertainment options

- From 'El Mariachi' and 'The Motorcycle Diaries' to 'Pan's Labyrinth' and '[Rec]', many of the best feature films of the past 30 years have been produced in the Spanish language and although they are available with English subtitles, watching the movies in their original form is the best way to enjoy them.
- Movie reviews are part of the A level

What Will you study?

Y12 Scheme of work

A) Aspects of Hispanic society

1. Los valores tradicionales y modernos
2. El ciberespacio
3. La igualdad de los sexos

B) Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

4. La influencia de los ídolos
5. La identidad regional en España
6. El patrimonio cultural



Y13 Scheme of work

A) Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

1. La inmigración
2. El racismo
3. La convivencia

B) Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world

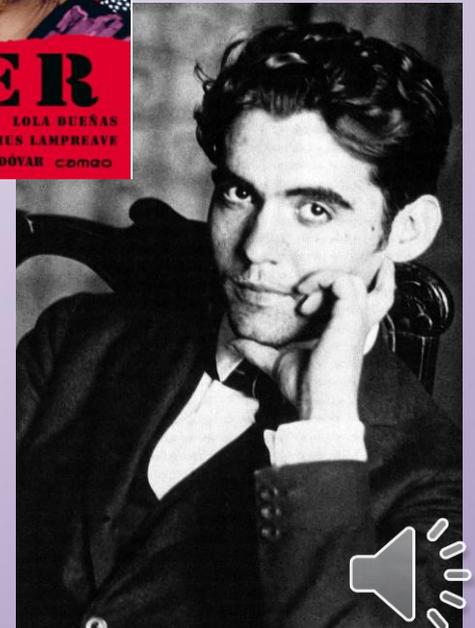
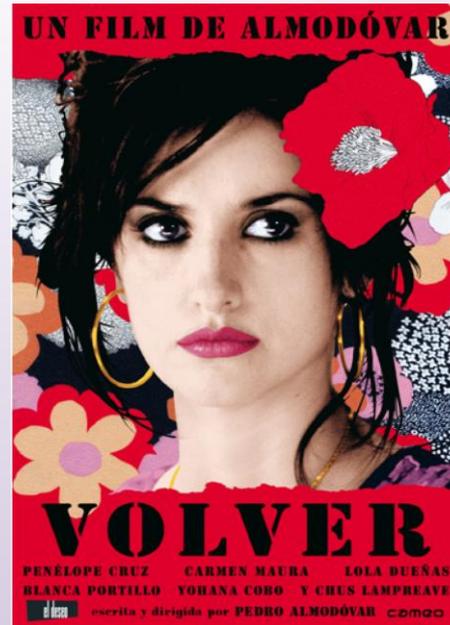
4. Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos del mañana
5. Monarquías y dictaduras
6. Movimientos populares



A-Level Scheme of work

Film *Volver* by Pedro Almodóvar

Book *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* by Federico García Lorca



A-Level examinations

Paper	Time	Marks	Weighting	Skills
Paper 1	2 hours 30 minutes	100	50%	Listening, Reading, Writing
Paper 2	2 hours	80	20%	Writing (2 essays + translation)
Paper 3	21-23 minutes	60	30%	Speaking Part 1: Card Part 2: IRP



Expectations

- You will need to have studied GCSE Spanish/ or be bi-lingual as the course requires you to have a solid prior understanding of the Language.
- You Will need to have a keen interest in the Language, history and culture of Spanish speaking countries
- It's not an easy option, but the satisfaction of speaking another language is worth the effort



Why languages?

It's fun • you find out about other people and cultures • knowing a language makes you more employable • they lead you into other subjects – history/ media/ other languages • you make new friends • you learn about yourself and your own country and language • it gives you more confidence • great for holidays • gives you communication skills... the list is endless



English is not enough

What other reasons for learning a language are there?

Here are some ideas from university and year 12/13 students:

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It gives you excellent communication skills

People who speak a language earn on average 12% more from their
job than people who don't

Give yourself the edge... they did!

J. K. Rowling
Author (Harry Potter)

Paula Radcliffe
Athlete

Lucy Liu
Film star

Jonathan Ross
TV and Radio Presenter

Rory Bremner
Comedian

Fiona Bruce
Newsreader

Chris Martin
Musician (Coldplay)

Nigella Lawson
TV Chef

Chinese Language and Culture
(1990)

European Studies
(1982)

French and German
(1983)

Modern European Studies
(1996)

Greek and Latin
(1999)

French and Classics
(1987)

Medieval and Modern Languages
(1983)

French and Italian
(1986)