

# Spanish

## Subject

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Students will explore a series of literature pieces, real material, maps, readers, music compositions, media content which will aid to explore Spanish culture further.

## 9.Syllabus

For Spanish, we are following the AQA 8698 Specification.

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/spanish/specifications/AQA-8698-SP-2016.PDF>

## What will I learn?

- Students will develop their ability to understand, communicate and express their ideas in Spanish and deepen their knowledge about how the language works as well as enrich their vocabulary accessing to both spoken and written material including literary texts in Spanish covering a wide variety of current international topics, such as environment, health, social challenges, employment and tourism among others.
- Students will gain understanding of the culture and identity of Spanish speaking countries by learning about communities, traditions and festivals helping develop a passion for language learning and enable students to embrace opportunities in a multilingual global society.

## What will I be assessed?

There are four exams at the end of the two years at both Foundation and Higher Tier: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. All four skills are equally weighted. Assessments are based on 3 Themes covering 12 subtopics outlined in section 3 above.

Evaluation is continuous, writing assessments on different topics take place every other week. Individual feedback is given both written and verbally in the following lesson. So students can act upon it. Apart from PPEs set by school calendar, students will also take listening and reading tests periodically and at least a mock speaking exam (normally in October and/or February of Year 11).

## **How will this subject prepare you for your next steps?**

GCSE Spanish can open many doors for you both academically and professionally. It provides you with strong foundations for further language study in school or higher education or employment.

GCSE Spanish will broaden your horizons by giving you the tools to become an independent linguist who will be able to use their knowledge of Spanish to get by in Spanish Speaking Countries.

## **Contribution to UTC/Studio aims**

Spanish GCSE will build up your confidence, give you strong linguistic foundations as well as foster a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity. It's a good foundation language to learn Italian, French and Portuguese.

It offers you greater opportunities to work and or study abroad or work for UK companies with international links. Spanish is one of the most major languages with 450 million native speakers worldwide. In North America, Hispanic consumers are over 50 million, the fastest growing market segment. Whether you are in the Health & Care sector, or in the gaming, animation or creative technology industry, by being able to offer your product or service in Spanish you will definitely have the edge.

## **Careers planning**

Apart from leading to studying A-Level Spanish, taking GCSE Spanish will open doors to a wide variety of career opportunities including:

- Journalism
- Law
- International business
- Teaching
- Interpreting
- Banking & Finance
- Tourism
- Public administration

Many universities offer courses which combine Spanish with another subject or even a year to study or gain work experience abroad.