

Exam Board: **AQA**

What is Spanish?

Studying Spanish at A level is not just about the qualification you achieve, but the vocational skill you develop along the way. Learning another language is challenging, but always fun, exciting and extremely interesting. When studying Spanish at A level, you hone the key language skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing that you developed at GCSE, whilst expanding your vocabulary and knowledge of grammar to a more advanced level. You will learn to form arguments, write essays and communicate confidently in the spoken language, whilst engaging in relevant and current topics of study. Spanish culture and society are explored, not only in the classroom, but during trips abroad. Students are always encouraged to further develop their knowledge of culture and language outside the classroom by completing independent study activities ranging from downloading listening material, watching Spanish films and completing online activities. Studying Spanish at A level is extremely rewarding and provides you with a skill that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Why study it?

It is a myth to believe that the whole world speaks English. More and more job advertisements state that knowledge of at least one European language would be an advantage, and many jobs will involve working with European companies and travelling abroad. A command of Spanish will open doors for you in careers as diverse as law and IT. Having the additional skill of a language, when combined with another profession, industry or expertise, can really help you to progress in your chosen career. The social benefits of Spanish are endless – holidays abroad, and having the ‘cool factor’ of being able to speak and understand another language. Languages are the perfect way to meet new people and immerse yourself in new cultures and make a difference to who you are. Studying Spanish helps you to develop 4 key skills that are vital for any subject you study, and any job you go on to do; listening, reading, speaking and writing. Learning a language is extremely enjoyable and the topic areas covered are relevant, thought provoking and current. Spanish is good for you! Speaking more than one language increases your brain capacity and improves your memory. It is an

impressive achievement to speak a foreign language and one that friends and family will envy and employers will love!

The structure of the course

A level Course & Module Description

At A level a thorough revision of language and grammar takes place in the first term, before more advanced concepts are introduced. The topics of study are:

- Social issues and trends – aspects of Spanish speaking society, multi-culturalism in Spanish speaking society
- Artistic culture in the Spanish speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the Spanish speaking world
- Grammar
- Literary texts and films

A level Course Assessment

The A level is examined in the following way: **Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing: 2 hours 30 minutes** 50% of A level grade 100 marks **Paper 2 – Writing: 2 hours** 20% of A level grade 90 marks **Paper 3 – Speaking Test: 21-23 minutes including discussion of stimulus card (5 minutes preparation), presentation and conversation.** 30% of A level grade 60 marks

What next?

Studying A Level Spanish can be extremely valuable if you wish to pursue a career in the following;

- Law
- Journalism
- The intelligence service
- Interpreting and translation
- Industry

We hope you have had an enjoyable evening here at Conyers Sixth Form. If you have any further questions regarding Spanish.