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## SPRINGBOARD



### A-Level Spanish

#### OUR COURSE DETAILS

The Spanish A-Level Course opens up opportunities both in employment and higher education across a wide range of areas, as a language, whilst useful on its own, can also be studied in combination with lots of other subjects. This course develops hardworking, organised and resilient students with strong problem solving, communication and teamwork skills, which will be valuable for a variety of workplaces and HE courses.

We have chosen the Eduqas exam board for the Spanish A level course as, whilst challenging, it has proven to be accessible to our students. The course builds upon skills developed in the GCSE Spanish course (regardless of specification followed) and helps learners to become more confident, fluent and creative. As well as the regular classroom lessons, all students will have small group sessions with our native-speaking Spanish assistant. The Spanish course can lead to careers in interpreting, translating, teaching and lecturing, journalism, tourism, diplomacy and many more.



#### EMPLOYABILITY

There are lots of careers for which a modern language can be useful. The website below gives you a springboard for exploration.

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)



#### PREPARING FOR STUDY

Revision of vocabulary and basic grammar from GCSE is a must!

Make sure you are confident with how to form the present tense (and other tenses if you can) and try to listen to / read a little bit of Spanish every day.

Use any GCSE revision guides that you have to keep practising and ensure that you don't forget the fundamentals.

Recording yourself and listening back can be useful - for instance: can you speak for 1 minute about yourself and your family?



#### PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

- Frida Kahlo
- Salvador Dalí
- Franco
- Penelope Cruz

## **UNIVERSITY COURSES**

There are plenty of great places to study languages at University – this is a link to the Guardian’s University Guide for languages and linguistics 2020

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

This link gives you a comprehensive overview of all the university courses which involve some (or a lot of!) Spanish:

[www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)

As well as straight Spanish, you could do, for instance, Social Anthropology with Spanish (Kent), Spanish and Economics (Reading) or Mechanical Engineering with Spanish (Sheffield)



## **FILMS**

- Volver
- Ocho apellidos vascos (Spanish affair)
- El mar adentro (The Sea Inside)
- Pan’s Labyrinth
- Netflix: Cable Girls / Money Heist



## **OUR TOP READS**

Obviously use vocab, grammar and revision books to revisit the nitty-gritty of the language, but if you want to read around the history, you could try:

Jeremy Black: A Brief History of Spain



## **USEFUL ONLINE LINKS**

[Duolingo.com](http://Duolingo.com)

[quizlet.com](http://quizlet.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



## **LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS**

[www.eduqas.co.uk](http://www.eduqas.co.uk)

