

A Level Spanish - Summer Bridging Work

A Level Spanish – Introduction to the course



What will you learn?

At A Level, we follow the AQA syllabus.

During this course you will develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of the culture and society of the countries where Spanish is spoken.

You will study:

- technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society.
- highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations.
- aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world.
- the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities.

Throughout your studies, you learn the language in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. You will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice.

General Topic Areas:

Year 1

Aspects of Hispanic society

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage

Year 2

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world

- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements

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How can you get ready for A level study?

The biggest change between GCSE Spanish and A Level Spanish is that in A Level Spanish you will be reading and listening authentic materials – that is newspaper articles, magazines, books and films that were originally written for a native Spanish-speaking audience. Engaging with authentic materials over the summer will prepare you for the language you will encounter and will keep the skills you have gained in GCSE up-to-date.

- 1- try to watch or read as many of the resources below as possible, pick things that are interesting to you. Aim to watch at least 7 or 8 items and read 2-3 news articles and 1 or 2 short stories. Use an online dictionary like www.linguee.com to look up new vocabulary.
- 2- Either copy or print the table at the end of this document and record everything you have done, write a short paragraph in Spanish (20-30 words) to describe each item.
- 3- Keep up your Duolingo strike if you used it during year 11, or get started with it now.
- 4- If you have any questions or doubts you can email me tba@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk and I will try to get back to you as soon as can.

News articles:

- [Los 11 restaurantes de América Latina que están en la lista de los 50 mejores del mundo - BBC News Mundo](#)
- [¿Por qué aplaudimos y desde cuándo lo hacemos para mostrar aprobación o entusiasmo? - BBC News Mundo](#)
- [El Congreso de Colombia aprueba la prohibición de las corridas de toros - BBC News Mundo](#)
- [13 extraordinarias fotografías que harán que te preocupes por el océano - BBC News Mundo](#)
- [Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente: la ingeniosa manera que encontró una isla de Zanzíbar para salvar sus corales - BBC News Mundo](#)
- [Una tortuga del Atlántico Sur, ¿el animal más viejo del planeta? - BBC News Mundo](#)

Short stories:

- [CVC. Lecturas paso a paso. El sueño de Otto. Texto \(cervantes.es\)](#)
- [CVC. Lecturas paso a paso. Doce a las doce. Texto \(cervantes.es\)](#)
- [CVC. Lecturas paso a paso. Gente que lee. Texto \(cervantes.es\)](#)
- [CVC. Lecturas paso a paso. Vuelo 505 con destino a Caracas. Texto \(cervantes.es\)](#)
- [CVC. Lecturas paso a paso. El misterio de la llave. Texto \(cervantes.es\)](#)

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Short films: (use English subtitles)

Cuánto. Más allá del dinero. <https://youtu.be/56jYpd8MN6U?si=5Che0Ic2KSRA1rAa>

Anónimos. <https://youtu.be/NcHzGIMvW5w?si=cvPfXWNoaCLFYxJw>

Flechazos. <https://youtu.be/Itps90Ge6XU?si=1TUySsumx-GdvCPR>

Cloe. <https://youtu.be/7KTW80EXLjg?si=Z1QoKmqQNmE-qrAH>

Einstein-Rosen <https://youtu.be/mMZbig5t8Ug?si=JbsKKn91N1YW6RN8>

Ted Ed en Español (use Spanish subtitles first, then watch again with English subtitles)

¿Es posible construir un rascacielos de madera?

https://youtu.be/WGHY2B3fhN0?si=T_qJO_6LMYXspgR4

Las inusitadas matemáticas del origami

<https://youtu.be/O1CRhqveDwo?si=ahPka9uz8tCwDmch>

Los beneficios de una buena postura

<https://youtu.be/G-xykMlim4?si=YV7SH77--bwmQCNT>

Los beneficios de un cerebro bilingüe <https://youtu.be/pCsCq1LRTiE?si=GLeGCXfvVzjherZk>

¿Por qué debería leer "Cien años de soledad" de G. García Márquez?

<https://youtu.be/rgSAFOnuICM?si=5vbNND1OdROg806e>

¿Por qué algunas personas son zurdas? <https://youtu.be/Xlsj14-GLBo?si=zQptWmq1kAfgptw>

La historia del mundo según los gatos

<https://youtu.be/MLYdcYXaS0k?si=hoHh3ipNwr0cW0Pt>

La historia del chocolate <https://youtu.be/943kC6XHUq8?si=8xqxdyksVoNSsFdg>

La historia de la Crisis de misiles cubanos <https://youtu.be/VVx0V-8X000?si=9QKSoF38qZSnY4Cw>

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