

Spanish

AS/A Level

Edexcel

Structure & Specification

Year 1: AS 8SP01

Year 2: A2 9SP01

Syllabus details

Edexcel syllabus 9SP01 is being followed.

What does the course include?

Year One AS

Units One and Two: These two units focus on the development of the four main skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – with regular reinforcement of grammar points linked to the texts. We study topics drawn from the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns.
- Lifestyle; health and fitness.
- The world around us; travel, tourism, environmental issues and the Spanish speaking world.
- Education and employment.

We study materials from newspapers and magazines and discuss them in class. In addition topical Spanish current affairs reports from the press and media are used to broaden your interest and knowledge of Spanish culture. Every year a trip to Madrid is organised in July, giving students the opportunity to practise their speaking and immerse themselves in the culture.

Year Two- A2

Units Three and Four: Further General Topic Areas are studied:

- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions.
- National and international events; past, present and future.
- Literature and the arts.

As for AS level, the sources are contemporary. The different aspects of Spanish society are studied in greater depth. You learn how to develop your information seeking skills to undertake research into a controversial issue of your choice for your oral examination. You have the opportunity to use the Internet and the networked software.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade C in Spanish GCSE but grade B is preferable.

How will I learn?

You have the opportunity to discuss and debate topics in class. Listening activities are based on authentic Spanish materials using the satellite TV channels in lessons. Reading, listening to the radio, watching Spanish films and documentaries are greatly encouraged in your spare time, as well as using the facilities of the Cervantes Institute in Eaton Square. ICT is widely used in lessons. You will be expected throughout the course to use the VLE and the language

How will my work be assessed?

Your progress is monitored through a variety of activities. e.g. through pair work, individual listening exercises etc. At the end of each term you are asked to assess yourself in Spanish, in writing, with full guidance and support, by answering a number of predetermined questions. These make you reflect on your work and progress, identify areas of strength and weakness and determine strategies for the next term.

AS: Unit 1- Spoken expression and response in Spanish (30%)

Unit 2- Understanding and written response in Spanish (70%)

A2: Unit 3- Understanding and spoken response in Spanish (35%)

Unit 4- Research, understanding and written response in Spanish (65%)

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

Above all you need to be committed, prepared to work hard and be reliable. You will also need excellent attendance and especially to have a love of the Spanish speaking world, its language and culture.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Knowledge of foreign languages is a real asset in many jobs and can lead to exciting careers both in the UK and abroad. Spanish is an important European language, widely used in the European Union countries. It is also spoken in much of Central and South America.