Spanish

Spanish is part of the Indo-European family of languages, which are spoken by more than a third of the world’s population.

Spanish is one of the world’s most phonetic languages. If you know how a word is spelt, you can almost always know how it is pronounced (although the reverse isn’t true).

With 329 million native speakers, Spanish ranks as the world’s number 2 language in terms of how many people speak it as their first language. It is ahead of English (328 million) but far behind Chinese (1.2 billion).

Topics Covered

You will develop 4 skills – Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing.

Themes

- Identity & culture
- Local, national & international areas of interest
- Current & future study and employment

Assessment

100% - Exam at the end of Year 11

- 25% Listening: Higher or Foundation tier
- 25% Reading: Higher or Foundation tier
- 25% Speaking: 7 - 12 minutes speaking test. Higher or Foundation tier
- 25% Writing: Written paper-Higher or Foundation tier

Course Progression

Having a GCSE in a language is compulsory in order to choose one at A level. We currently offer A level Spanish here at Swanshurst Sixth Form.

All universities see AS & A level languages as a useful subject for any degree course and many universities are now starting to make first year students take a language module as part of their studies.

Career Opportunities

With the renewed focus on the English Baccalaureate and Progress 8 subjects, people are realising the importance of having a foreign language at GCSE level. Employers want staff with a broad skill set and confident manner.

Studying a language broadens horizons and crucially improves your communication skills. Many Spanish graduates use their language skills on a daily basis, many use the skills learnt from studying a language - employers can’t lose!

Qualification: GCSE
Examination Board: AQA
Specification Code: 8698