

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).



Qualification: GCSE
Examination Board: AQA
Specification Code: 8698

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!