

HIGHER SPANISH



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course provides candidates with the opportunity to develop reading, listening, talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture.

Spanish is useful for both business and travel. Around 400 million people worldwide speak Spanish, especially in South American countries such as Mexico and Venezuela. Spain is a beautiful country rich in history and culture, making it a popular holiday destination for British people. And, Spain is also an important trading partner of the UK. Many companies need employees who are fluent in one or more European languages. So, learning Spanish gives you many options for your future career.

The skills you develop in Spanish are useful in many different career areas such as travel and tourism, languages, teaching and in trade and industry.

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

This course aims to help you develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Spanish, in a variety of contexts. You will encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. In addition, the course also provides you with knowledge of Spanish and the customs and way of life of the Spanish people.

In particular you will learn to develop:

- reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Spanish
- application of knowledge and understanding of Spanish
- the skill of translation
- Literacy skills.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Pupils should have achieved a pass (A/B) at National 5 Spanish.

ASSESSMENT

The course assessment has **five** components **totalling 120 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper 1 (reading) – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper 1 (directed writing)
- Component 3: question paper 2 (listening)
- Component 4: assignment (writing) – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: performance (talking) – worth 30 marks.

PROGRESSION

- Advanced Higher Spanish
- Higher French

FUTURE CAREERS

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support
- Transport and Distribution
- Uniformed and Security Services