

HIVE Sixth Form Countesthorpe Academy



Spanish

Inspiration
Perseverance
Excellence

Spanish

With over 400 million Spanish speakers world wide Spanish A Level gives you an opportunity to communicate on a global scale as well as providing academic benefits.

Why study this course?

- **Develop your communication and adaptability skills:** Learning a new language gives you the opportunity to communicate with foreign speakers, including people you meet when travelling as well as people in your own community.
- **Enhance your cultural understanding:** Speaking another language helps you to get to know about other people and cultures, it gives you a broader view of the world.
- **Increase your brain power:** Foreign language study can help to develop your problem-solving skills, long and short-term memory, self-discipline and grammatical and linguistic understanding of your own language.

Course outline

Two main themes in Year 12, plus the following:

- Being a young person in Spanish-speaking society.
- Understanding the Spanish-speaking world.
- Diversity and difference.
- The two Spains: 1936 onwards.

“**Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios**” feature film by director Pedro Almodóvar

“**El otro árbol de Guernica**” a novel by Luis de Castresana

How am I assessed?

The WJEC A Level exam in the following components at the end of year 13.

Component 1. Speaking (21-23 minutes) (30% of A Level)

- **Task 1** - Presentation and discussion of an independent research topic of an aspect that interests you related to the countries or communities where Spanish is spoken.
- **Task 2** - Discussion based on a written stimulus.

Component 2. Listening, Reading and Translation (2h30) (50% of A Level)

- **Listening** - True/False answers, multiple choice answers, answers to questions in Spanish.
- **Reading** - Gap fill tasks and answers to questions in Spanish.
- **Translation** - One translation into English. One translation into Spanish. (100 words each)

Component 3. Critical response in writing. (2 hours) (20% of A Level)

Two essays of 300 words each; one on the film and one on the novel in which you write a critical response referring to characters, themes, structure and social and historical context.

Where does this course lead?

Language students in the UK find it easier to get jobs and there is a wider choice of jobs for language graduates.

By choosing languages, you are enhancing your career options. Modern Languages graduates have a whole range of career opportunities open to them, including: **Manufacturing, Sales, Banking/Finance, Community/Social Services, Transport/Communications, Military, IT.**

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