

Spanish

at MSJ Sixth Form



Enhance your employability profile by learning a global language which has more than 400 million native speakers worldwide.

Develop an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the Spanish language by studying it in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. Consider modern day issues that face the Hispanic society such as modern and traditional values, equal rights and immigration. Discover the rich and fascinating artistic culture in the Hispanic world by studying Spain's most controversial film maker, Pedro Almodóvar. Listen to Hispanic music from around the world and access some of the most striking literature of modern times by reading Spanish and Latin American authors.

TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY NEED A MINIMUM OF:

GCSE Spanish Grade 7

Interest in Spanish culture

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

The approach is a focus on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change.

In the first year of the course, aspects of the Hispanic society are studied, together with the artistic culture in the Hispanic world. A film will also be studied.

In the second year of the course further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism.

Students also study aspects of the political landscape including the future of political life in the Hispanic world by focusing on young people and their political engagement. Time will also be dedicated to study a book.

IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

What skills will I need?

Learning Spanish teaches a range of transferrable skills such as reading, listening, speaking and translation. In addition you develop the ability to write critically and analytically about a film and a literary text. As part of the Speaking test at A Level conducting research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where Spanish is spoken, will enable you to develop

research skills in the language of study. There is no doubt that studying Spanish provides a most valuable foundation for a variety of university courses.

WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

Those who choose Spanish at A Level are able to study at some of the best universities in the UK and follow single or joint honours degrees in Spanish and another language, or they can combine Spanish with a range of other courses. Combined courses include Law with a European Legal System, Engineering with European Studies, Spanish and Politics, Spanish and International Management, Spanish and Criminology.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

Studying Spanish at university not only increases your chances of employment in the UK and abroad, but also offers a wide range of exciting careers such as Foreign Exchange Trader, Foreign Correspondent, Translator / Interpreter, International Banking, National Security, Foreign Diplomatic Service Officer, International Development Worker, Court Interpreter, Medicine abroad and many more.

TWITTER

@MSJ_MFL

HEAD OF SUBJECT

Mrs B Wadman
wadmab@malvernstjames.co.uk

EXAM BOARD

AQA

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

AS Paper 1	Written examination Listening, Reading and translation into English.	1 hour 45 minutes	40% of AS Level
AS Paper 2	Written examination. One question on a set film. Translation into target language.	1 hour 15 minutes	30% of AS Level
AS Paper 3	Oral examination. Discussion of two sub-themes with a discussion based on a stimulus card.	12 - 14 minutes	30% of AS Level
A Level Paper 1	Listening and Reading. Translation into English and Spanish.	2 hours 30 minutes	40% of A Level
A Level Paper 2	Written examination. One question on a set book and one question on a set film.	2 hours	30% of A Level
A Level Paper 3	Discussion of a sub-theme with a discussion based on a stimulus card. Presentation and discussion of individual research project.	21 - 23 minutes	30% of A Level