

SPANISH

If you speak Spanish, you can communicate with nearly **500 million people in the world**. Think how many more employment options that gives you;

Whether you want to pursue a career in Science, Engineering or particularly Business and Commerce this means you will have a greater number of possibilities in the labour market. Which is one of the most visited nations in the world? Which is the second most spoken language in Western Europe? The answer to the first is Spain and to the second is, of course, Spanish. Spanish is the mother tongue in 21 countries and is widely spoken in another 21 countries, where it is not the official language.

COURSE CONTENT

Through studying GCSE Spanish, students should develop their ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language for authentic purposes and about subjects which are meaningful and interesting to them.

The study of Spanish at GCSE should also build students' confidence and broaden their horizons, enabling them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries, develop new ways of seeing the world, and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language. Students following a GCSE Spanish course should become familiar with aspects of the contexts and cultures of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.

ASSESSMENT: AQA 8692

The scheme of assessment is linear. Candidates sit the AQA GCSE examination, testing the skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, each worth 25% of the GCSE. There is an option of Foundation or Higher Tier in the Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. However students must take all 4 at the same tier. All skill areas are assessed externally.

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I think studying a language at GCSE is a great skill to have and doing Spanish was definitely the best choice! The teachers are always kind and helpful and help me to do my best. Not only did we have fun but we also learnt a lot about the Spanish language and the different customs in Spain. I think it is really important to understand the various cultures around the world and studying Spanish covered many different countries. Having a GCSE in Spanish will definitely help me in the future when it comes to getting a job and travelling around the world, giving me the opportunity to potentially broaden my horizons in the future and of course the skill of speaking at least a bit of Spanish, I definitely recommend it!