

SPANISH



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Our two-year A-Level course focuses on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change. Aspects of artistic life and social backgrounds are covered including issues such as integration, immigration, politics, heritage, technology, the evolving structure of the family unit and modern history.

BEFORE YOU START

Key textbook to purchase: Edexcel A level Spanish (includes AS), Hodder Education (Thacker, Barefoot, Mee, Morcillo Laiz) ISBN: 9781471858314

Key app: Quizlet – use this app to create vocabulary flashcards

Key Websites: www.newsinslowspanish.com, www.wordreference.com, www.languagesonline.org.uk

Building on your knowledge of Spanish grammar is very important as this forms the foundations of accurate spoken and written Spanish.

You **need to know** how to conjugate regular and irregular verbs in various tenses: present, imperfect, preterit, perfect, future and conditional.

Create a presentation/guide that explains how to conjugate regular –AR, –ER and –IR verbs in these six tenses and when to use the tenses. To show your understanding of when to use these different tenses, you might need to do some research.

You also **need to know** how to conjugate the main irregular verbs in Spanish. Create verb tables of the six tenses for the following verbs (see example for present tense of SER):

- SER
- ESTAR
- IR
- HACER
- TENER

It is really important to keep up to date with current news in Spain. You can look at newspapers online on the following sites: www.elpais.com and www.bbc.com/mundo.

Choose an article from one of these sites and make a note of any Spanish vocabulary you do not know. Write a short summary in English of what the article is about which someone else would understand if they had never read the original article. This is called a native reader/speaker check.

Yo	soy
Tú	eres
Él / ella / usted	es
Nosotros / nosotras	somos
Vosotros / vosotras	sois
Ellos / ellas / ustedes	son

Learning about Spanish culture and society is an essential part of the A level Spanish course.

Research the different regions of Spain.

How is the culture or geography different between the regions? Choose one region to focus on in more detail and find out about:

- a) Customs and traditions
- b) Festivals
- c) Typical food
- d) Language (yes, there is more than one language spoken in Spain! You are learning Castilian Spanish)
- e) Regional music/dance
- f) Geography (rivers, mountains, etc.)
- g) Main industry
- h) Famous people from the region

Research and list five Spanish based **careers**.

Choose two from the list and outline the role and expectations in more detail.

Review those two choices to show why you would be interested or suitable for that **career**.