



GORDON'S SCHOOL
SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Introduction

The Spanish Department consists of 2 full-time teachers and 1 foreign language assistant. Following half a term taster session in each of the languages offered at Gordons, French, German and Spanish, students opt for the language which they will continue with through to GCSE. All Spanish lessons are taught in purpose built, fully equipped classrooms inclusive of interactive whiteboards and up to date resources.

GCSE/A Level Courses

At both GCSE and A level, students follow the AQA Specifications with the majority of our students taking the higher tier papers for GCSE.

Students have regular access to our foreign language assistant during their lessons in KS3 and KS4, and all KS5 students benefit from weekly dedicated 1:1 sessions.

For KS4 we follow the Viva course book and online resources and for KS5 we have full access to both Kerboodle and Hodder Dynamic Learning resources.

Students study the film 'Volver' in Year 12 and the play 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' in Year 13, which includes attending a theatre trip to see the play live.

For both KS4 and KS5, additional support is available to students outside of lessons to help them prepare for their examinations

Exam Results 2019

Examination results in the Spanish Department have been consistently above average for a number of years.

In 2019, at GCSE 91% achieved 9-4 at GCSE.

At A Level, students achieved 100% A*/B

Extra Curricular Activities

At KS3 students are encouraged to enter national competitions in a variety of sectors. This year saw students challenged to create a Spanish themed Christmas Card, where the winners design would be featured as the official Christmas card of a prestigious UK University along with featuring on their website.

At KS4 and 5, students were challenged to create a podcast or write an essay on 'using languages to build bridges'.