



Gordon's  
Sixth Form

# Spanish

*AS Level and A Level*

## AS Level: AQA Spanish (7691)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7691>

This course is designed to offer you an accessible, interesting and challenging Year 12. Topics and skills developed at GCSE will be broadened and matured. The topics will provide you with the language and skills to talk and write about issues relevant to you.

### The topics we cover are

- Social issues and trends (family life, the digital world, youth culture)
- Artistic Spanish-speaking culture (festivals, traditions, art and cultural life)
- Grammar
- Film or Text (Volver, Pedro Almodóvar)

### The Exam (Year 1)

There will be three papers for the AS Exam.

- **Paper 1** - Listening, reading and writing (90 marks) 45% of AS
- **Paper 2** - Writing exam on a film (50 marks) 25% of AS
- **Paper 3** - An oral exam (60 marks) 30% of AS

**Paper 1** lasts 1h 45m. In the listening section you control the CD. The reading section has comprehension questions like GCSE and in the writing section you translate from Spanish to English.

**Paper 2** lasts 1h 30m with translation from English into Spanish and then an essay from a choice of two questions on the film (or text) studied.

**Paper 3** lasts 12-14 minutes and is based on a discussion of two sub-themes from aspects of Spanish society and aspects of Spanish culture. The discussion will start with a stimulus card that you will have 15 minutes to prepare.

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The second year of the A Level course has been specifically designed to complement the first. You will build on the skills you have developed over the previous year and use your knowledge and growing linguistic expertise to explore a wider and deeper syllabus and more complex grammar.

The topics studied are the same as AS with some expansion of topic areas to enable AS and A2 students to study alongside each other in Year 12:

- Social issues and trends (as AS but including multi-culturalism).
- Political and artistic culture.
- Grammar.
- Film and text (Como Agua Para Chocolate).
- Individual research project (for oral).

### The Exam (Year 2)

There will be three papers for the A2 Exam.

- **Paper 1** - Listening, reading and writing 50% of A Level
- **Paper 2** - Writing exam 20% of A Level
- **Paper 3** - An oral exam 30% of exam

In **Paper 1** which lasts 2 hours 30 minutes, there is a listening section and a reading section as AS. In the writing section there are two 100 word translations, one from English to Spanish and one from Spanish into English.

In **Paper 2** which lasts 2 hours you will write two 300 word essays from a choice of two questions on the film and the book.

In **Paper 3** which lasts 21 to 23 minutes, you will discuss a stimulus card on one of the first two topics above. You will need to defend and justify your opinions. A further presentation and discussion of your individual research project will follow.



## Overview of Results 2017-18

The Spanish department has seen a steady increase in results and is going from strength to strength.

<b>GCSE:</b>	86% Grades 9-4
<b>A Level:</b>	80% Grades A*-C

## Transferable Skills from Spanish

- Planning and executing a piece of independent research.
- Working with data, interpreting and presenting.
- Strong writing skills.
- Listening and interpretation skills.
- Presentation skills.
- Supportive.
- In it together.
- Personal growth.
- Boost in confidence.
- Challenging.
- Rewarding.

## Degrees in Spanish

<https://university.which.co.uk/subjects/spanish>

The Complete University Guide rates Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, St Andrews and Bath as the top universities for Iberian Languages according to an index based on student

satisfaction; entry standards; an assessment of the quality of the university's research; and graduate prospects.

Usually language degrees last four years with one year being in the country of the language you are studying. This is organised usually through the Erasmus programme.

## Career prospects

A Spanish or Hispanic Studies degree will open doors around the world for graduates, given the influence of the Spanish language in particular, while linguists in general enjoy good career prospects because of employers' perceptions of their adaptability and general communication skills.

Graduates in these subjects go on to specialise as translators and interpreters, as well as working as language and English as a Second Language teachers, working in travel and tourism and in the wider fields of international business, law, journalism, finance and the civil service.

## Famous people who speak Spanish

- Nick Clegg
- Tom Daley
- Audrey Hepburn
- Gwyneth Paltrow



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