

OVERVIEW

In Spanish, our two-year GCSE course follows the Pearson Edexcel syllabus and aims to develop students' proficiency and communication skills in both written and spoken Spanish across a wide range of topics. These topics cover vocabulary and content relating to the five key themes. Students will also further develop and improve the four main language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking, and will build on the Spanish vocabulary and grammatical structures learned throughout KS3. At the end of the two-year course, students will be assessed in the four main skills, with each component worth 25% of the final grade.

Autumn

Unit 1: De costumbre (Theme 1)

- Identity & Culture
- Traditions & Festivals
- Food & typical dishes
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about different traditions and cultures

Unit 2: El trabajo y las prácticas (Theme 4)

- Personal qualities
- Professions & workplace
- Job responsibilities
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about future ambitions and work

Assessment:

November GCSE Mock 1 exams: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

Spring

Unit 3: Hacia un mundo mejor (Theme 5)

- Local & global issues
- The environment
- Lifestyle choices
- Past, present and future tenses
- Detailed, justified opinions about global issues & solutions

Unit 4: Un Repaso: Speaking & Writing (Themes 1-5)

- Revision of key themes
- Revision of key grammatical concepts
- Revision of key exam skills (speaking & writing)

Preparation for speaking exams in HT5

Assessment:

March GCSE Mock 2 exams: Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing

Weekly vocab tests

Weekly homework tasks on Seneca

Fortnightly extended writing tasks on current topic

Summer

Unit 5: Un Repaso: Listening, Reading & Writing (Themes 1-5)

- Revision of key themes
- Revision of key grammatical concepts
- Revision of key exam skills (listening, reading & writing)

Assessment:

External GCSE Exams (Dates TBC)

Paper 2- Speaking (completed before other exams start)

Paper 1- Listening
Paper 3- Reading
Paper 4- Writing

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

www.spanishdict.com – Online dictionary
www.quizlet.com - Online quizzing and vocab building
www.memrise.com – Online flashcards

Homework:

Homework will be given on a weekly basis through the online platform Seneca. Tasks on Seneca will focus on developing students' ability in the four key skills and will relate to the Units & Themes outlined above. Students will also be given vocabulary booklets at the beginning of each unit and will have weekly, in-class vocabulary tests.