



# SPANISH

AQA



## COURSE OVERVIEW

The course will focus on four main themes in the Spanish-speaking world; Aspects of society: current trends and issues; Artistic culture; Aspects of political life; Spanish cinema and a work of Spanish literature. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in trips and/or exchange visits to Spain.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There will be three exams (two on paper, one that is speaking). You will answer comprehension questions about audio and written material, translate short texts and write short essays on film and literature. In speaking, you will give a short presentation about a topic of your choice, which will lead into a longer discussion.

|                  | <b>Paper 1</b><br><b>Listening, Reading and Translation</b> | <b>Paper 2</b><br><b>Literature, Film and Translation</b> | <b>Paper 3</b><br><b>Speaking Exam</b> |
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| <b>Length</b>    | 2 hours 30 mins   | 2 hours   | 21-23 mins                             |
| <b>Weighting</b> | 50%   | 20%   | 30%                                    |

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have GCSE Grade 6 or above. Spanish can be combined with Arts Subjects, and also with Mathematics and/or Sciences in order to demonstrate your communication skills. At University, Spanish can be studied as a single degree, or as is becoming increasingly the case, in combination with a wide range of subjects including Law and Medicine.



## WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Linguists can earn up to 20% more than those who do not speak a foreign language. Nearly three quarters of businesses say they value foreign language skills among their employees. Knowledge of Spanish can improve your communication, critical and creative thinking skills. It will increase your problem solving skills and will stimulate brain function and memory. It also demonstrate to employers that you have strong self-discipline and high self-esteem. Spanish can open the door to many industries, as well as the obvious interpreting, translating and teaching, linguists often work in international law/banking, journalism and broadcasting, publishing, public relations and sport.