

# A Level Spanish at West Hatch High School



In A Level Spanish you will explore technological and social changes, looking at the multicultural nature of the Spanish-speaking world. You will study highlights of its culture, regional identities and socio-political as well as intellectual aspects of Spanish-speaking countries. Spanish is the third most widely spoken language, and the countries in which it is spoken include an incredible variety of cultures. Studying A-Level Spanish provides a fantastic opportunity to improve your linguistic skills and learn about Spain and Latin America. It is ideal for students who have a passion for languages or who want to enrich their main area of study with a second language. The A Level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The approach is a focus on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change.

# AS- Level Exam    Awarding body: AQA



## Assessment:

### Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing -

What is assessed

Aspects of Hispanic society

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

Grammar

How it is assessed

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

90 marks

45% of AS

### Paper 2: Writing

What is assessed

One text or one film from the lists in the specification

Grammar

How it is assessed

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

50 marks

25% of AS

### Paper 3: Speaking

What is assessed

One sub-theme from Aspects of Hispanic society and one sub-theme from Artistic Culture in the Hispanic world.

How it is assessed

Oral exam: 12-14 minutes

60 marks

30% of AS

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of each course.

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## Assessment:

### Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing -

What is assessed

Aspects of Hispanic society

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

Aspects of political life in Hispanic society

Grammar

How it is assessed

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

50% of A-level

### Paper 2: Writing

What is assessed

One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification

Grammar

How it is assessed

Written exam: 2 hours

80 marks in total

20% of A-level

### Paper 3: Speaking

What is assessed

Individual research project

One of four themes (i.e. Aspects of Hispanic society or Artistic culture in the Hispanic world or Multiculturalism in Hispanic society or Aspects of political life in Hispanic society)

How it is assessed

Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)

60 marks in total

30% of A-level

**Progression routes** Upon completion on this course you will have the necessary skill sets to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree.



"One language sets you in a  
corridor for life. Two languages  
open every door along the way"-  
Frank Smith