


When you sign up for a subject please note that you will be expected to study that subject for the whole two years. There will be a formal assessment in the Autumn term, after four weeks, and that is the only time students will be allowed to swap or change subjects.

Subject: Spanish	Qualification: A Level
Exam board: Edexcel	Entrance criteria: GCSE Level 4 in English & Maths 6 GCSEs at grade 5 or above Grade 6 in Spanish
<p>Topics covered over the 2 years:</p> <p>Year 12: Changing family structures, world of work, tourism, music, media, festivals and traditions. Film Study: 'El Laberinto del Fauno' (Guillermo del Toro, 2006)</p> <p>Year 13: immigration, the Spanish Civil War, Franco's dictatorship, the transition to democracy. Literature: 'Cómo Agua para Chocolate', Laura Esquivel</p>	
<p>How the subject will be taught:</p> <p>Pair & group activities. Regular individual research & presentations on a range of topics. Discussions, debates, projects. Extensive use of online resources, including press articles, videos, songs.</p>	
<p>Expectations of students:</p> <p>Attendance in all lessons, completion of homework by deadlines, full participation in class activities. You will need to spend a minimum of 6 hours per week on independent study, homework, and consolidation of new vocabulary and grammar as well as developing wider listening and reading skills. (Anything on the Internet that interests you.) We strongly advise you purchase your own 'Palabra por Palabra', Edexcel edition to help with topic-specific vocabulary, and a grammar book to supplement classwork.</p>	
<p>Summer work:</p> <p>Attached is a handout with lists of useful websites for you to peruse. During the summer break, make a start at trying some of them out. You can add a note against anything you have watched / read / listened to, & say what it was & how useful you found it. There are also 2 short research tasks to be completed in the target language by the 2nd week in September. ¡Suerte, y hasta septiembre!</p> 	



REALLY USEFUL SPANISH WEBSITES and how to use them best!



TO WORK ON YOUR LISTENING



Spanish TV channel websites:

<http://www.rtve.es/>

Spain's state- owned public corporation that manages national TV & radio stations.

Select types of programmes from the homepage.

Also A la Carta = Spanish iPlayer equivalent.

Spanish News

www.newsinslowspanish.com

Does what it says on the tin, and with transcripts included.

www.euronews.net

Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of News videos.

www.20minutos.es/

es.news.yahoo.com/

Follow the link to **Video Noticias** for three-minute news clips.

es.noticias.yahoo.com/

www.antena3tv.com

Choose from the menu for the topic area you are interested in and then browse clips:

www.antena3videos.com/

For news, browse for videos at:

www.informativos.telecinco.es/

www.canalsur.es

Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

www.informativos.telecinco.es/reproductor_video.htm

For celebrity gossip....

es.celebrities.yahoo.com/

Click on "Perfiles de Famosos"

Spanish Radio on-line

www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm

Select a radio station from the list.

www.topradio.es/

Easy listening music radio station for Spanish and English / American pop music.

www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html

Selection of the most important radio channels

TO WORK ON YOUR READING



TOP TIP: Don't look up every word you are not sure of when reading.

Yep..... you read that right. When you are reading a text, try not to look up every word as it will take you for ever. Skim & scan the text to get the gist. Remember to use the context of the article, cognates & common sense to figure out what the article is about. Pick out a couple of words you like the look of, that you feel may be real hurdles to grasping the content, look them up & add them to your vocab booklet. The aim at this stage is to get the gist of the text, not to be able to translate completely.

You will be surprised how much more enjoyable reading will be if you really pay attention to this tip.

Select an article which interests you, read it carefully and select at least 10 new pieces of vocabulary to look up. The choice of topic area is limitless. It is a good idea to vary the topic area and to choose articles related to the syllabus topics so that you encounter a variety of vocabulary.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news

The best place to start is the BBC's languages web-pages. Choose the "reportajes" link to find articles from the former "Semanao Internet" with a variety of reading exercises. The articles are archived into topic areas that relate to the AS and A level syllabus.

Some of them include audio clips so you can base your listening task on the same topic.

www.elpais.es

Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to the day's news articles although you may require a subscription to view the majority of the articles in full.

www.elmundo.es

Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to all of the day's news articles.

es.news.yahoo.com/www.abc.es/

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.terra.es

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.donbalon.es/front/

Spanish football website with related articles.

www.hola.com

Spanish celebrity gossip magazine. Subscription required to view some of the articles.

www.terra.es (archive news)


www.marca.es (sport)

www.estrelladigital.es

Summer Tasks 2016

We would like to set you a couple of 'light' tasks to complete over the summer break, just to keep your language ticking over.

1. Using any of the information sources we have suggested, make a note of at least 5 pieces of news, in the target language, related to France / Spain.
Include a reference to your source as well as the date.

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2. As we will be studying festivals and traditions, find out at least 5 facts, in the target language about a regional / national festival of your choice related to a country where the French / Spanish is spoken - the weirder the better!
(Don't forget to add references to your sources.)

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