

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES: SPANISH

AQA AS level specification 1696

"Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt."
"The limits of my language are the limits of my universe." Ludwig Wittgenstein

Unit	Unit Title	Duration	Mode of Assessment	Weighting at AS
SPAN1	Listening, Reading and Writing	2 hours	Written examination with written and taped stimulus	75% of total AS marks, 35% of total A level marks
SPAN2T	Speaking test	35 minutes	Oral examination	30% of total AS marks, 15% of total A level marks

This stimulating and culturally-enriching course is designed to build up linguistic competence and to promote knowledge and understanding of many aspects of the society and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

The AS course builds on the language skills acquired at GCSE. It is conducted almost entirely in Spanish and the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be developed mainly through the study of topics in context and through up-to-date current affairs in Spanish speaking countries.

The general topic areas at AS are:

Media	Healthy Living / Lifestyle
Television	Sport/exercise
Advertising	Health and well-being
Communication technology	Holidays
Popular Culture	Family/Relationships
Cinema	Relationships
Music	Friendships
Fashion/trends	Marriage/partnerships

Girls will also be able to explore other areas they feel passionate about doing some independent research on Spanish cultural subjects for their oral examination. Our digital language laboratory, multimedia materials and personalised teaching will allow girls to truly enjoy a new Spanish environment.

The language experience is the closest to Spanish Life we can provide at Prior's Field. Of course, our fun European work experience programs feature highly on the list of learning to "live as the Spanish do in Spain".

Why Spanish? This qualification will be of value in many areas of employment and will open a whole new world of opportunities in both the working and social life of the girls.

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AQA A2 level specification 2696

"Kolik jazyků znáš, tolikrát jsi člověkem."

"You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once."
Czech Proverb

Unit	Unit Title	Duration	Mode of Assessment	Weighting at AS
SPAN3	Listening, Reading and Writing	2 hours 30 minutes	Written examination with written and taped stimulus	35%
SPAN4	Speaking test	35 minutes (including 20mins preparation time)	Oral examination	15%

Building on the knowledge and skills acquired at AS level, this course studies in greater depth aspects of the contemporary society and cultural heritage of Spanish speaking countries.

Listening, reading, speaking and writing skills as well as cultural knowledge, will continue to be developed through the study of topics but in addition to the topic areas sampled at AS.

We shall explore the A2 general topic areas:

Environment	Cultural Topic Choice of studying two from:
Pollution Energy Protecting the planet The multicultural society Immigration Integration Racism Contemporary Social Issues Wealth and poverty Law and order The impact of scientific and technological progress	A French language-speaking region/community A period of 20th century history from a Spanish-speaking country/community The work of an author from a Spanish speaking country/community The work of dramatist/poet from a Spanish language speaking country/ community The work of a director/architect/musician painter from a Spanish language speaking country/community

The girls will study further areas of grammar and will write essays and participate in discussions in Spanish in which they present information, organise arguments, provide opinions and analyse ideas. Still available: Of course, our fun European work experience programs feature a chance to live like the Spanish.

The use of the language lab will allow the girls to be in direct contact with the Spanish speaking world and immerse themselves in Spanish culture around the globe.

This course will be excellent preparation for university study or for work in or with Spanish speaking countries.