

# The Abbey School

## Sixth Form



### Spanish - A Level

A-level Spanish helps students develop confident, effective communication skills in Spanish and a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken. It develops an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning and encourages students to consider their study of the language in a broader context. The AS course is fully co-teachable with the first year of the A-level course. This is a two-year course and there is a residential trip to Spain in the summer.

Speak the language of 400 million people. In the recent Languages for the Future report, Spanish was highlighted as the most important language for people in the UK to learn:

1. Spanish is not declining at A level
2. One huge advantage of Spanish is the access it offers to such a wide range of countries and cultures.
3. Speaking Spanish helps companies do business in Latin America.
4. Spanish's popularity is unlikely to be eclipsed.

[https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/languages\\_for\\_the\\_future\\_2017.pdf](https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/languages_for_the_future_2017.pdf)

### Subject content

- Social issues and trends
- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Aspects of political life in Hispanic society
- Grammar

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

## **ASSESSMENT**

Paper 1 Listening Reading and Writing (this includes one translation into English and one into Spanish)

2 hours 30 minutes 160 marks in total 40% of A-level

Paper 2 Writing:

2 hours 90 marks in total 30% of A-level

300-word essay (**either** one question in Spanish on a set text from a choice of two questions and one question in Spanish on a set film from a choice of two questions **or** two questions in Spanish on set texts from a choice of two questions on each text.)

Paper 3 Speaking

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

60 marks in total 30% of A-level

It includes a discussion based on a stimulus card and a presentation (2 minutes) and discussion of an **individual research project** (9-10 minutes)