



A-level Spanish at St. Wilfrid's



Course Structure

Year 12

Core topics:

- Traditional vs modern Spain
- Cyberspace
- Gender equality
- The influence of Hispanic idols
- Regional Identity
- Cultural heritage
- Immigration

And either the **film** or the **book**

- Como Agua Para Chocolate (book)
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (film)

Year 13

Core topics:

- Racism in the Hispanic world
- Cohabitation of cultures and religions in the Hispanic world
- Young people in Spain today
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Protest movements

And the **film** or **book** not yet studied

- Como Agua Para Chocolate (book)
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (film)

Course assessment

All assessment takes place at the end of year 13, though the IRP for paper 3 is an ongoing project throughout year 13 and is presented in the paper 3 exam.

Paper 1 Reading, listening, translation 50%	Paper 2 Written exam 20%	Paper 3 Speaking exam 30%
2hr 30 mins exam. You have your own laptop and headphones to control the listening track at your own pace. Examined on a range of texts based around the cultural topics we have studied. Gap fills, translations, comprehension and summary writing.	2 hour exam in which you will write two essays, one about the book we have studied and one about the film we have studied.	2 parts 1) Independent Research Project – 2 mins to present the topic you have researched and 10 mins of follow up questions with your teacher. 2) Photocard discussion for 5 minutes about one of the cultural topics we have studied.

Course resources

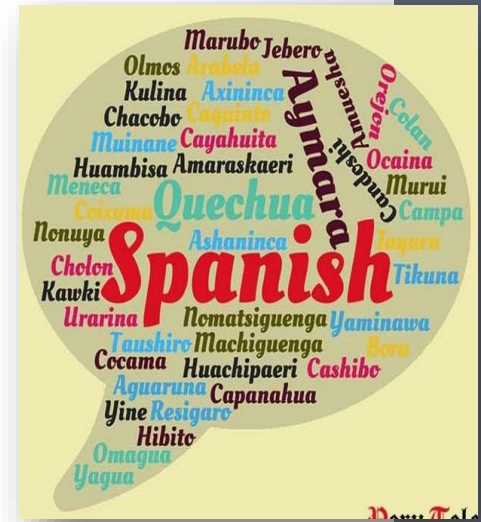
- The A-level course is very current which means your lessons will be adapted to reflect the current situations in Spanish speaking countries.
- Your teachers will use the Kerboodle online textbook which you will also have access to both in paper and online for class work and homework tasks
- You will also be exposed to a range of news articles, radio programme, videos, podcasts, bulletins, films, tv shows, music, webpages and online courses such as those offered by the Open University and Future Learn.

Course detail

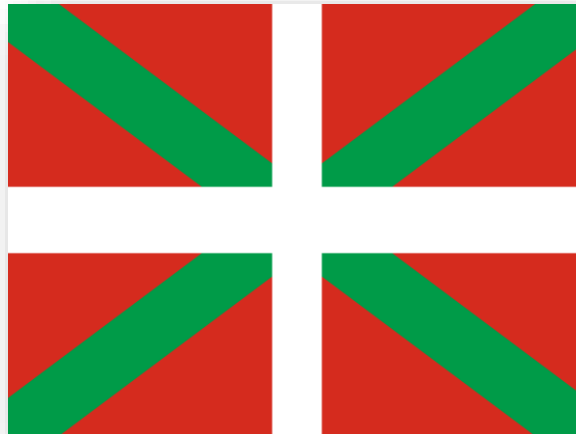
- 12 cultural topics
- 1 book
- 1 film
- Independent Research Project

In this topic you will study about:

- What festivals take place in different regions of Spain
- What regional languages are spoken in Spain, what is the history behind them and how they're used nowadays
- What regional gastronomy is like in Spain



La Identidad Regional de España



In this topic you will study about:

- The impact of technology in Spain and developing parts of Latin America.
- The popularity of social networks and online trends in the Hispanic world.



El Ciberespacio



In this topic you will study about:

- Catholicism in Spain
- The traditional role of women in Franco's Spain and how women's lives have changed
- Life during Franco's Spain



Los Valores Tradicionales y Modernos



In this topic you will study about:

- Spanish art
- Hispanic architecture and the legacy of the Incans and Mayans in Latin America
- Musical influences on cultural heritage such as the changing image of Flamenco in Spain or the use of protest song in Latin America

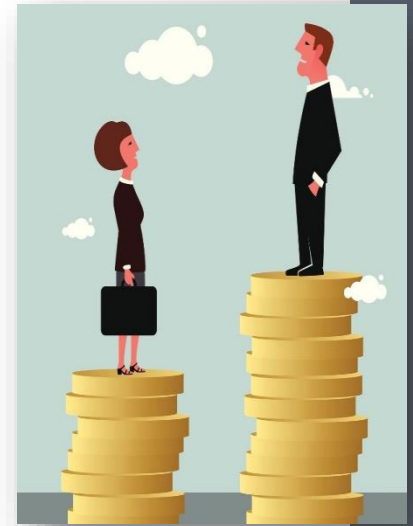


El Patrimonio Cultural



In this topic you will study about:

- The gender pay gap in Spain and Latin America
- The role of women in the workplace
- Changes attitudes to gay rights in the Hispanic world



La Igualdad de los Sexos



NO MÁS

JUNTOS PODEMOS PONER FIN
A LA VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA Y AL ABUSO SEXUAL



In this topic you will study about:

- The influence of Spanish and Latin American role models
- The charity work they do
- Films, music and fashion



La Influencia de los Ídolos



In this topic you will study about:

- Current immigration issues in Spain linked closely to the racism topic
- Issues for Latinos with immigration North
- Emigration within South America.



La Inmigración



In this topic you will study about:

- Racism in Spain looking at case studies from the Spanish football league and towards the gypsy community in the South of Spain
- Historic racist attitudes in parts of Latin America.
- Recent protest movements in the Hispanic world against racism.

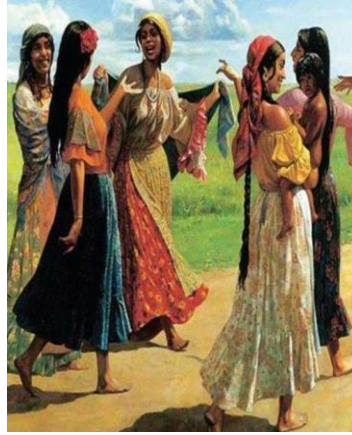


El Racismo



In this topic you will study about:

- The cohabitation of cultures and religions in Spain in the past and the unification of Spain
- The impact of immigration on Spanish society



La Convivencia



In this topic you will study about:

- Youth unemployment in Spain
- Protest movements led by young people in the Hispanic world
- Young people's views on politics and voting



Los jóvenes de hoy



In this topic you will study about:

- Spain under Franco
- Spanish monarchy nowadays and it's controversies in the past
- Latin American dictatorships such as Augusto Pinochet (Chile), Fidel Castro (Cuba) and Jorge Videla (Argentina)



Las monarquías y las dictaduras



In this topic you will study about:

- Feminist marches for IWD
- The emergence of a new Spanish political party from its origins in street protests
- The “disappeared children” in Argentina and the grandmothers fight to get them back
- The 2019 protests in Chile described as their “reawakening”



Las protestas sociales



Como Agua Para Chocolate

- Mexican romance novel centred around the themes of love, cooking, traditional vs modern values and the Mexican revolution.
- Written in the magic realism genre.
- Studied in Spanish and the essays you write will be in Spanish too – excellent for developing your more formal writing style in Spanish.



Ocho Apellidos Vascos

- Spanish romantic-comedy film which deals with the themes of love, regional identity and stereotypes.
- Huge box office hit in Spain
- Studied in Spanish and the essays you write will be in Spanish too – excellent for developing your more formal writing style in Spanish.



The Independent Research Project (IRP)

- You will complete an research project about anything that interests you from the Hispanic world and present on this in your speaking exam at the end of year 13. Your topic could link to what you want to go on to study at University and would look excellent on your UCAS statement.

- Previous topics include:

The representation of women in reggaeton music, animals rights in Spain, gay rights, Pablo Escobar and the drug wars in Colombia, Simon Bolivar and the conquistadors, tourism in Spain during Franco's reign and since, Pinochet's dictatorship in Chile, the Movida Madrileña and it's impact on the LGBT community in Spain, how Incan culture is viewed in modern day Peru, bullfighting in Spain, the playwright Federico Garcia Lorca, the fight for Catalanian independence.

What skills will I get from studying Spanish?

Communication

Essay
writing

Linguistic
skills

Organisation

Critical
thinking
skills

Wide
knowledge of
the Hispanic
world

Analysis

Independent
research

Managing
information

Teamwork

What careers can I do with Spanish?

Interpreting

Civil
Service

Teaching –
at home or
abroad

Academic
research

Politics

Journalism

Translation

Business

Marketing/
advertising

Media

Enrichment

- Cinema trip for an MFL study day at the Tyneside cinema with language ambassadors from Newcastle University,
- Visit to the University to use their language labs for live interpreting.
- Trip abroad to Madrid for a full linguistic and cultural immersion.

