

Spanish A-level Summer Work

Welcome to Spanish A-Level at The Duston School!

This document contains everything you need to know about the course as well as your Summer Homework.

AQA is our exam board. (This means you can take the AS at the end of Year 12.)

You will have three exams.

- Speaking (stimulus cards and for A2 Independent Research Project)
- Listening, reading, translation into English and summaries in Spanish.
- Writing (on a film for AS, on a film and book for A2) and translation into Spanish.

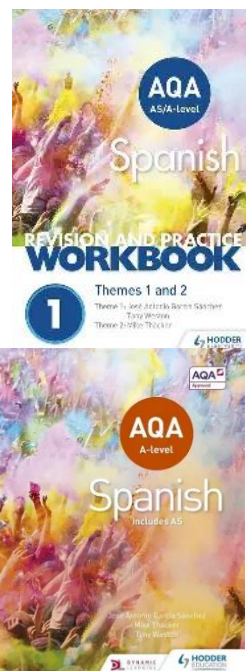
You will have 5 lessons a week, split between grammar (once a week to start with), theme work, film study in year 12/book in year 13 and speaking practice.

Year 12 Topics:

1. Traditional and modern values.
2. Cyberspace
3. Equality of rights.
4. The influence of idols.
5. Regional identity in Spain.
6. Cultural heritage.

To do:

1. Complete the following summer work. This is essential! You cannot start well without.
2. Buy AQA AS/A-level Spanish Revision and Practice workbook for Themes 1 and 2 on amazon by Hodder Education. You will need this for class. If you need any help with finance contact the 6th form team as **bursaries are available**.
3. If possible: buy the textbook – AQA A-level Spanish **Hodder Education** (we only a few for class but having your own is a lot easier). 2nd hand available online and you can sell it after too.



Any questions just email Mrs Oliver. Buena suerte! We are very excited to teach you in September.

Summer work:

Part 1:

BBC Bitesize

- Complete the following grammar topics on BBC Bitesize. Complete the table log and ensure you have flashcards for each including the rules and examples.
- Do this gradually not all in one go. If you don't do this September will be a lot more difficult for you.
- The better you do this and the more you revise this the easier your life will be.
- Watch the videos too and if you don't understand something look for a youtube video or another explanation online.

Category	Date studied	Flashcard/evidence made
Nouns & Articles		
Adjectives		
Adverbs		
Present tense		
Perfect tense		
Preterit tense		
Imperfect tense		
Future tenses		
Conditional		
Other Tenses		
Pronouns		
Negatives		

Part 2:

Everyday engage with one of the following or something else you find that is similar. Fill in the log at the end as proof. We want to see your personality and unique interests here. (minimum 4 times a week).

Find something you find fun.

It only needs to be for a few minutes.

Learn to love the culture and find intrigue in it and all its quirk!

Find what you are passionate about.

- When you come in September we would expect you to continue with this
- plus add in daily vocabulary revision specific to the course
- and your homework set for class

Spanish is a commitment and we want you to thrive and enjoy it!

Apps and socials: there are loads out there, grab a few free trials (just remember to unsubscribe on time if you don't want to pay)

AI bots: (I am a BIG fan- we need to exploit these for all they are worth)

- **Praktika** – an amazing way to practice speaking and about any topic, just natural conversation with corrections, grammar tips and pronunciation help.
- **Promova** – more vocabulary focused, also contains role-play speaking tasks and will have an AI bot soon for flowing conversation.
- **Hyperlingua** - a new repetition based app, currently free.

TV

- **Lingopietv** – with subtitles- lots of shows available

Reading

- **Beelinguapp** –choose the correct level for you and a topic you care about
- **Linguinn app** - click any words you don't understand for a translation, choose the correct level for you and a topic you care about

Vocab practice

- **Onevoca** – enter your own vocabulary
- **26s**- pre-loaded with lists, with images to link to, with decks for your level

Social media accounts:

Spanishify your socials- start following people on insta and tiktok and your algorithm will change. There are loads out there. This will have a huge impact. Immerse yourself in the language but as always ***please be careful online!***

Instagram- these are just some personal suggestions and always take care who you follow

Spanish with Vicente — clear explanations, lots of real-life examples

- **Maria Español** — great for beginners and visual learners
- **Profe Ele** — short grammar tips and everyday phrases
- **Spanish with Pablo** — slow, clear pronunciation practice
- **Butterfly Spanish** — fun, friendly lessons
- **Why Not Spanish** — everyday conversations and cultural topics

TV shows: all Netflix here

- ***La casa de papel (Money Heist)*** iconic heist thriller, fast-paced, lots of slang
- ***Las chicas del cable (Cable Girls)*** — 1920s drama, easier to follow
- ***La chica de nieve (The Snow Girl)*** — clear, slower Spanish, mystery/thriller
- ***Cielo Grande (Summer Crush)***
- ***Siempre Bruja***

Films:

AQA films: we will pick one as a class to study in Term 3 so it is a good idea to watch a few.

- El laberinto del fauno Guillermo del Toro (2006)
- Ocho apellidos vascos Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2014)
- María, llena eres de gracia Joshua Marston (2004)
- Volver Pedro Almodóvar (2006)
- Abel Diego Luna (2010)
- Las 13 rosas Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2007)

Additional works recommended:

- **The Orphanage** (*El Orfanato*, 2007)
- **Marshland** (*La Isla Mínima*, 2014)
- **The Skin I Live In** (*La piel que habito*, 2011)
- **The Platform** (*El Hoyo*, 2019)
- **Champions** (*Campeones*, 2018)

Podcasts

- **La Vuelta a España de un Británico** – Each episode includes a glossary, grammar focus, and follow-up exercises.
- **Un Británico en San Sebastián** –podcast with cultural themes such as immigration, identity, gastronomy, and technology.
- **Contexto Sociohistórico – A Level España** – podcast covering the historical and social context of Spain.
- **Coffee Break Spanish** – Excellent for reinforcing grammar and vocabulary outside class.

Make a vocab list of new words as you go - I do the same!

Culture Log:

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