

**Year 11 Spanish at Abbey Park School
Exam Board AQA**

This sheet applies to Miss Tondo and Miss Cote's Classes

Structure of the course: the GCSE course is assessed on a 9-1 scale. Students will take four exams which individually assess each key skill area. Each assessment is equally weighted at 25%. Students study the following themes on which form the basis of the examinations. **Theme 1:** Identity and culture. **Theme 2:** Local, national, international and global areas of interest. **Theme 3:** Current and future study and employment

The four exams are taken at the end of Y11 and are as follows:

- Listening. Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language in Spanish and English.
- Speaking. Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes.
- Reading. Understanding and responding to different types of written language in Spanish and English.
- Writing. Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes including translation.

What did we cover in year 10?

In year 10 students study the following modules and themes:

Module One: idesconéctate! (Theme two). This topic covers the themes of weather, holidays, travel, and holiday disasters.

Module Two: mi vida en el insti (Theme three). This topic covers the themes of school, problems at school and achievements.

Module Three: mi gente (Theme one). This topic covers the themes of relationships, socialising and freetime.

Module Four: intereses e influencias (Theme one). This topic covers the themes of media and culture, sport and role models.

Students are strongly encouraged to look back regularly at last year's notes to keep the vocabulary and structures fresh in their minds.

What we cover in Year 11

The remaining modules are as follows:

Module Five: ciudades (Theme two). This topic covers the themes of regions and towns, shopping and problems in towns.

Module Six: de costumbre (Theme one). Food, illnesses and celebrations.

Module Seven: ¡a currar! (Theme three). Career choices and future plans.

Module Eight: hacía un mundo mejor (Theme two). Global problems and the environment.

We also revise previous topics, and complete a full range of mock assessments. Exam skills are further developed, and an opportunity for further study in our session six program is encouraged.

Home study Plan

Home study is set every week by the teacher and will be at least an hour long. It will reflect work that has been in class. Examples of homework include extended writing tasks, verb tests, and online tasks from the Active Learn package. These tasks completed at home have been proven to raise attainment.

Useful websites and books to help with revision and homework

There are a range of free language-learning apps and websites that are recommended not only by us, but by our alumni. These include but are not limited to:

Quizlet: access to preloaded GCSE Spanish vocabulary by Module

Duolingo: a free language learning app that covers grammar and vocabulary
www.memrise.com a free language learning app with decks of vocabulary cards.

BBC Bitesize With videos, exam-style questions, and vocabulary lists.

Pearsonactivelearn.com. With a personal login, students can access listening, reading and grammar exercises.

Revisionworld.com This website has a huge database of past papers with audio and answer papers, from different exam boards. Great for practising exam skills.

Wordreference.com. Free online dictionary and verb conjugator.

Please also consider buying second hand copies of the AQA text book and/or Revision guides

Other Important information:

- 100% examination with the weighting split equally between the four skill areas. All examinations must be taken in the same exam season and pupils are entered for Foundation OR Higher level; not a mix across skills.
- There is now a greater emphasis on questions in the target language: students need to recognise question words in Spanish and respond appropriately.
- Translation is now a key component of the examination with Spanish to English and English to Spanish tested.

For detailed course information visit: aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698