



Introduction:

The Spanish department at Runnymede College aims to encourage their students to:

- Develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning.
- Develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres.
- Communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in Spanish for a range of purposes.
- Develop awareness and understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries or communities where the language is spoken.
- Consider their study of the language in a broader context.

The Year 11 Spanish course enables students to:

- Derive enjoyment and benefit from language learning.
- Acquire knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and/or employment.
- Enjoy reading a variety of literary texts.
- Communicate with speakers of the language.
- Take their place in a multilingual global society.
- Succeed in the A Level examinations.
- To obtain a diploma students must get a minimum of 60 points out of 100 in the examination, provided that they get at least 30 points out of 50 in each group of tests.

Content:

- **Term 1**
 - **A. AQA syllabus content** (2 periods per week), (2 weeks per sub-topic)
 - **Aspects of Hispanic society**
Students may study all sub-themes in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries.
 - **Modern and traditional values (Los valores tradicionales y modernos)**
 - Los cambios en la familia
 - Actitudes hacia el matrimonio/el divorcio
 - La influencia de la Iglesia Católica
 - **Cyberspace (El ciberespacio)**
 - La influencia de internet
 - Los móviles inteligentes en nuestra sociedad
 - Las redes sociales: beneficios y peligros
 - **B. Pupils answer the questions in the speaking test booklet as topics are covered.**
 - **C. Literature** (1 period per week)

- 1. **Marina**, Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- 2. **Film: Mar adentro**, Alejandro Amenábar

- **D. Grammar & Vocabulary** (1 period per week) - These two areas are an integral part of language teaching and take place indirectly at all times. We will also dedicate one period per week to verb conjugation, spelling, punctuation, and the acquisition of new vocabulary.

Vocabulary tests will take place every two weeks.

- Preterite/imperfect
- Future
- Conditional
- Perfect tense
- Future perfect
- Conditional perfect
- Pluperfect
- Passive voice
- Continuous tenses
- Subjunctive mood

- **E. Current Affairs:** (20 min per week) - pupils need to keep up to date with current affairs and will share news of interest with the rest of the class.

- **F. Debates** - debates about topics covered will be held in class.

• Term 2

- **A. AQA syllabus content** (2 periods per week), (2 weeks per sub-topic)

- **Aspects of Hispanic society**

Students may study all sub-themes in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries.

- **Equal rights (La igualdad de los sexos)**

- La mujer en el mercado laboral
- El machismo y el feminismo
- Los derechos de los gays y las personas transgénero

- **B. Pupils answer the questions in the speaking test booklet as topics are covered.**

- **C. Literature** (1 period per week)

- 1. **Marina**, Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- 2. **Film:** In depth analysis of **Volver**, by Pedro Almodóvar
- 3. Short stories:
 - "Sueldo de marido"
 - "Las comadreja del Windsor"
 - "El vástago"
 - "La mujercita que llegaba a las 6"
 - Short Film: **Destiny**.

- **D. Grammar & Vocabulary** (1 period per week) - Vocabulary tests will take place every two weeks.
 - Imperative
 - Present subjunctive
 - Perfect subjunctive
 - Imperfect subjunctive
 - Pluperfect subjunctive
 - Uses of the subjunctive
- **E. Current Affairs:** (20 min per week) - pupils need to keep up to date with current affairs and will share news of interest with the rest of the class.
- **F. Debates** - debates about topics covered will be held in class.
- **Term 3**
 - **A. AQA syllabus content** (2 periods per week), (2 weeks per sub-topic)
 - **Aspects of Hispanic society**
Students must study the sub-theme Spanish regional identity in relation to Spain. Students may study the remaining sub-themes in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries.
 - **Modern day idols (La influencia de los ídolos)**
 - Cantantes y músicos
 - Estrellas de televisión y cine
 - Modelos
 - **B. Pupils answer the questions in the speaking test booklet as topics are covered.**
 - **C. Literature** (1 period per week)
 - **Film: Ocho apellidos vascos**
 - **D. Grammar & Vocabulary** (1 period per week) - Vocabulary tests will take place every two weeks.

Exam Description:

The AS exam* consists of three papers:

- **Paper 1:** Listening, Reading and Writing
Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes; total raw mark: 90
- **Paper 2:** Writing
Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes; total raw mark: 50
- **Paper 3:** Speaking
Duration: 12–14 minutes plus 15 minutes supervised preparation time; total raw mark: 60

***Note: Year 11 pupils do not sit the public AS exam. Those who wish to continue learning Spanish take the A Level examination at the end of Year 13.**

Skills:

- **Listening:** Show a clear understanding of the spoken language including regional varieties and different registers and demonstrate an ability to infer meaning.
- **Reading:** Show a clear understanding of a range of written texts, including newspaper articles and literary texts and demonstrate an ability to infer meaning.
- **Speaking:** Develop ideas and express and justify points of view effectively, respond readily and fluently and take the initiative, be able to deal appropriately with unpredictable elements.
- **Writing:** Show the ability to organise and structure a range of texts coherently, offer relevant information which addresses the requirements of the task, make effective use of a wide range of vocabulary and a variety of complex structures, use grammar, morphology and syntax in an accurate way.

Homework:

One 60 minute homework is given to pupils once a week. Typical tasks include:

- Learning vocabulary and verb tenses
- Reading comprehension texts
- Writing argumentative, narrative, descriptive and creative essays
- Reading literature
- Working through activities from the textbook
- Working through past papers
- Preparing oral presentations
- Researching for information
- Watching the news and series
- Reading newspapers and magazines in Spanish
- Practising their language skills outside school

Assessment:

Being a language, assessment takes place in the classroom naturally on a daily basis. Moreover, formal written work is set and marked by the teacher at least once a week. Vocabulary and verbs are assessed at least every other week. Assessment is a very important part of this subject as it is essential that the teacher diagnoses the pupils' weaknesses and focuses on them in order for pupils to overcome them. There will be an internal mock exam in February.

Digital usage in this subject:

Written tasks on pages, digital textbook (Kerboodle), dictionary, verb conjugation websites, research on the topics of the syllabus.

www.profedelee.com, www.runnymedespanish.weebly.com, www.aprenderespanol.com, www.wordreference.com,

Resources and Materials:

- AQA Spanish AS and Year 1 A Level, Oxford
- AQA Spanish A level (includes AS), Hodder Education
- Acción Gramática, Hodder Murray
- Test yourself- Spanish Grammar, McGraw Hill
- Complete Spanish Grammar, Practice Makes Perfect, McGraw Hill
- Spanish verb tenses, Practice makes Perfect, McGraw Hill
- Gramática básica del estudiante de español, Editorial Difusión
- Ánimo grammar workbook, Oxford
- Marina, Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- Volver, Pedro Almodóvar
- Mar adentro, Alejandro Amenábar

Regular reading of Spanish-speaking newspapers and magazines is required. These are a few suggestions: El Mundo, El País, ABC, La Razón, Telva, Viajar, Traveler, Expansión, Tiempo, Fotogramas, Car and Driver, Nuevo Estilo, Casa 10, Leer, etc.

Regular viewing of informative TV programmes is also required. Here is a list of suggestions: Telediario, Informe Semanal, La 2 noticias, Ciudades para el siglo XXI, Documentos TV, Repor, Para todos la 2, Un país para comérselo, Españoles por el mundo, Saca la lengua, La aventura del saber, etc.

(all of the above can be found in www.rtve.es)