



**CLAIRES COURT**  
**SIXTH FORM**

# Curriculum Statement

**Year 12 - Spanish**  
**2025 – 2026**

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# Spanish, 2025-26

## Introduction

Spanish is offered as a two-year full A level course. We follow the specification of the AQA examination board.

In Year 12 students develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries.

Students have between three and four lessons per week and are given homework after each lesson. They will also be expected to make use of Spanish resources both in school and at home such as the internet, TV and radio, and by listening to, reading and learning vocabulary from a variety of media.

The Spanish department organises a school trip to Spain every two years and students will be invited to attend. Visits to Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries are actively encouraged as is participation in independently organised exchange visits or work experience.

The language is taught through the four key skill areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing, using a highly communicative approach and following the AQA textbook. Student progress is monitored regularly through vocabulary tests, topic tests, classwork and homework exercises.

## Mastery

Students are encouraged to connect with new languages and cultures, be curious learners, and show resilience. They build upon their language skills, expanding their understanding and analysis. We equip students with tools for learning and time management. In their Spanish learning, they independently use various strategies -such as context, cognates, and dictionaries- to work out the meaning of new vocabulary. They adapt their language skills for effective communication in and beyond the classroom.

## Course content

- **Social issues and trends** – the family, changes to LGBT rights and gender equality in the Hispanic world, the digital world, and the importance of charity work
- **Artistic culture** – Spanish cultural heritage, contemporary Spanish music and cinema, and regional identity in Spain
- **Grammar** - the grammatical system and structures of the Spanish language
- **Film** - 'Volver' by Pedro Almodóvar

The AS examination consists of three units:

### **Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing**

*One hour and 45 minutes - 90 marks*

Candidates answer a range of questions based on recorded and written stimulus material. They also complete a translation from Spanish into English.

### **Paper 2: Writing**

*One hour and 30 minutes - 50 marks*

Candidates answer a question in Spanish on the book or film they have studied. They also complete a translation from English into Spanish.

### **Paper 3: Speaking**

*12-14 minutes plus 15 minutes preparation time - 60 marks*

Students discuss with the examiner two sub-themes from the topics they have studied, based on stimulus cards.

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