

GCSE Spanish

AQA

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GCSE Spanish Years 10-11

- This is a two year course.
- You will learn, expand and consolidate your knowledge using the four skills - listening, reading, writing and speaking.
- The four skills will be tested in four separate question papers.
- The specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers.

Theme 1

Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationship with family and friends
 - Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
 - Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities

Theme 2

Local, national, international and global areas of interest.

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3

Current and future study and employment.

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post -16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

How is the exam made up?

Listening
Speaking

Reading
Writing

- There are 4 exams - listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Each exam is worth 25% of the total GCSE mark.
- All exams are taken at the end of Y11. There are no controlled assessments or coursework.
- You can either do all foundation papers (grades 1-5) or all higher papers (grades 4-9).

Paper 1

Listening

Written exam

- 35 minutes for Foundation Tier, 40 marks.
 - or
 - 45 minutes for Higher Tier, 50 marks.
- No dictionaries allowed.
 - 5 minutes reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.
 - Section A, questions in English to be answered in English.
 - Section B, questions in Spanish to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally (ie letters/numbers).

Paper 2

Speaking

Oral exam

- 7 to 9 minutes for Foundation Tier plus preparation time.
- or
- 10 to 12 minutes for Higher Tier plus preparation time.
- 60 marks for each Foundation Tier and Higher Tier.
- No dictionaries allowed.
- Role-play
- Photocard
- General conversation

Paper 3

Reading

Written exam

- 45 minutes for Foundation Tier.
 - or
 - 60 minutes for Higher Tier.
 - 60 marks for each Foundation Tier and Higher Tier.
- No dictionaries allowed.
 - Section A, questions in English to be answered in English.
 - Section B, questions in Spanish to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally (ie letters/numbers).
 - Section C, translation from Spanish into English.

Paper 4

Writing

Written exam

- 1 hour for Foundation Tier, 50 marks.
- or
- 1 hour 15 minutes for Higher Tier, 60 marks.

- No dictionaries allowed.
- Foundation:
 - Question 1, short message.
 - Question 2, short passage
 - Question 3, translation from English into Spanish.
 - Question 4, structured writing task.
- Higher:
 - Question 1, structured writing task
 - Question 2, open-ended writing task.
 - Question 3, translation from English into Spanish.