

Spanish is the second most widely-spoken language in the world with over 400 million speakers. It's also one of the most spoken languages in Europe. Being able to speak Spanish can provide you with numerous academic and career opportunities.

Course overview



The AQA course followed at SCGSG will build on the knowledge acquired at GCSE level. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be further developed through the study of a range of topic areas. The language used will be increasingly accurate, complex and varied. In addition, you will study a film and a novel.

Learning Spanish will provide you with the opportunity to work and travel in Europe, Central and South America, and other Spanish-speaking countries. Through learning the language, you will be able to access the Spanish and Latin American cultures, which are rich in areas such as dance and literature.

A-Level Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing (40% of marks)

Paper 2: Writing on a film and a novel (30% of marks)

Paper 3: Speaking (30% of marks)

Why learn a language?

Travel

Even a little knowledge of the language can make a difference in attitude when you meet people from other countries. Speaking another language helps to break down barriers.

Work and business

It can help you give an added advantage in your career if you work for an international firm or a company with international customers or contacts.

Music, film, arts and culture

If you like literature, films or music from other countries, learning the language will help your appreciation and understanding.

Recommended Links with Other Subjects

Due to the range of topics studied in Spanish, they are suitable for combination with any subject in school and subsequently.

After A-Levels

An A-Level in a Modern Foreign Language is a highly regarded and marketable qualification whether proceeding on to higher education or work. Successful candidates will be well-prepared to use the language for practical communication in all levels of commerce and industry. The qualification provides a good foundation for further language studies in higher education (degree level or equivalent), either in language courses or for translating / interpreting / teaching.

Financial Commitment

The purchase of an A Level text book, a bi-lingual dictionary and a subscription to a Spanish magazine are highly recommended. Participation in a Work Experience placement in the country of study in Year 12 is advisable.

Some recent post-A-level destinations and courses:

- Modern Languages at the University of Nottingham
- Hispanic Studies and French at Warwick University