

Course Title:	<b>Spanish</b>
Title of qualification to be gained (if any):	GCSE
Awarding Body (if any):	AQA
Essential materials:	
Writing equipment:	

<b>Course Aims</b>
To develop their ability to write and speak in Spanish and to understand Spanish when it is written down or spoken. This course has 60 per cent controlled assessment. It is particularly suitable for students who have studied GCSE Spanish and wish to study at a higher level but anyone can access it.
<b>Course Description</b>
GCSE Spanish helps students develop their Spanish language skills in a variety of contexts and a broad understanding of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken. It encourages enjoyment of language learning and the recognition that language skills enable students to take their place in a multi-lingual global society.
<b>Main topics covered</b>
Students will complete four units in the following skill areas: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. The requirements for each unit can be found in the table below.  Listening and Reading are tiered; candidates can enter for <b>either</b> Foundation <b>or</b> Higher Tier in any available series. Speaking and Writing are untiered.  These skills are studied in four contexts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Context 1 Lifestyle (Health, Relationships and Choices)</li> <li>• Context 2 Leisure (Free time and the Media)</li> <li>• Context 3 Home and Environment (Home, Local area and Environment)</li> <li>• Context 4 Work and Education (Future Plans and Future Jobs)</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
By the end of the course learners will have:
The linguistic ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cope with a greater degree of unpredictability;</li> <li>• deal with a widening range of potential problems;</li> <li>• understand and use more accurately a widening range of vocabulary and structures, including some unfamiliar language;</li> <li>• understand issues and opinions;</li> <li>• discuss issues and give opinions;</li> <li>• give full descriptions and accounts.</li> </ul>

**Teaching and learning methods used**

Pair Work	Group work
Reading (AQA GCSE + authentic materials in Spanish)	Listening
Speaking	Memory games
Whiteboards	Writing independently
Online resources (Kerboodle)	Dictionary skills

**How your work will be assessed**

Reading and Listening: Examination in 2016, externally. 20% each of the final grade.  
Writing and Speaking: Controlled Assessment, externally and internally. 30% each of the final grade.

**Suggested progression routes**

Students can progress from this qualification to Level 3 qualifications in similar disciplines and to other qualifications that require literacy skills, knowledge and understanding. This qualification prepares students for progression to further study of Spanish at AS and A level. These Level 3 qualifications prepare students for a variety of further progression routes.