



HOLYPORT
COLLEGE

SPANISH TRANSITION WORK 2025

About A Level Spanish:

The specification we teach is produced by AQA. The unit code is 7692 (A level) and a full copy of this specification and other useful information is available at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/spanish/a-level/spanish-7692/specification/specification-at-a-glance>

How it is examined:

1. Paper 1 – Listening, Reading & Writing (2h30m) - **50%**
Comprehension and translation questions

2. Paper 2 – Writing (2h) - **20%**
Essay on a novel and a film in Spanish

3. Paper 3 – Speaking (21-23 minutes + 5 minutes preparation) - **30%**
Individual Research Project (IRP) and a discussion of one of the four themes on a speaking card

Compulsory Summer Work - this must be handed by the end of the first week of September:

Task 1: The Culture & History of Spain – Independent Research Task

1. Create a fact file on Spain with a timeline of key Spanish historical dates, key figures and information about them, regional culture and traditions.
2. Ensure that you include at least some information on:
 - Autonomous Regions – languages, gastronomy, geography etc.
 - Culturally Important Sites and Monuments
 - Famous Spanish People – writers, artists, architects etc.
 - Festivals & traditions
 - Key Historical Periods e.g. Al Andalus, The Catholic Monarchs, The Civil War, The Return to Democracy
 - Any other key information/facts/figures or aspects which interest you

This should be a significant piece of research and be done in the form of a booklet/presentation. Be ready to hand in or present.

Completing this will help you build your background knowledge of Spain and Spanish culture.

Task 2: News and current affairs – Comprehension and summary task

1. Find a news story that you find interesting that is reported in the Spanish press (e.g. in El Mundo, RTVE, El País, ABC...).
2. Create a short summary of the main points in Spanish and note down any interesting/new vocabulary. Be ready to present your summary.



Extra work you could do to prepare for A Level Spanish:

It is important to keep up to date with Spanish news and watch Spanish TV/movies. This will improve your listening and reading skills, and your cultural knowledge. Below is a list of websites and movies to choose from:

TELEVISION:

- <https://www.rtve.es/directo/la-1> - access Spanish TV shows.

MOVIES:

- Volver (Pedro Almodóvar, 2006)
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro, 2014)
- El Laberinto del Fauno (Guillermo del Toro, 2006)
- María llena eres de gracia (Joshua Marston, 2004)
- Abel (Diego Luna, 2010)
- Las 13 Rosas (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro, 2007)

RADIO:

- <https://www.rtve.es/radio/>

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES:

- El País <http://www.elpais.com/>
- BBC www.bbc.com/mundo - reporting in Spanish. Select videos for clips and reports in Spanish.
- www.donbalon.com for football websites and related articles.
- www.hola.com for Spanish celebrity news.

WEBSITES:

- Languages online www.languagesonline.org.uk – for grammar revision.
- Conjuguemos <https://conjuguemos.com/> - practise verb conjugations in each tense: *present, preterite, imperfect, future, conditional*.