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Calday Grange Grammar School  
**PRE-COURSE MATERIAL FOR  
A LEVEL SPANISH**

*Let the adventure continue!  
!Qué continue la Aventura!*

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- course outline
- list of activities to work through and prepare prior to course in September



## ACTIVITIES TO BE DONE PRIOR TO START OF COURSE

### GRAMMAR

All our current students agree that they wish they had begun studying the grammar before the start of the course, particularly after such a long summer break away from the Spanish classroom!

Do not be afraid of grammar! Students are wary at the beginning but increased confidence soon dispels any concerns they may have had. You cannot study a language at Advanced level without a good awareness of grammar. Grammar need not be boring!

#### 1. WE REQUIRE YOU TO PURCHASE & WORK THROUGH THE PRESENT TENSE ON THE FOLLOWING GRAMMAR BOOK:

***Practice Makes Perfect Spanish Verb Tenses, (Dorothy Richmond)***

Publication Date: 1 May 2010 | ISBN-10: 0071639306 | ISBN-13: 978-0071639309 | Edition: 2.  
Priced around £6 new/£3 used on Amazon.co.uk. (1<sup>st</sup> edition is fine/used books are fine).

There will be a grammar assessment in the first half term. The following website may also prove helpful <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm>

#### 2. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO ASK YOU TO WORK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING (FREE) INTERNET COURSE:

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) (you need an email account to register) (you can register for a new account if you wish at Google (free) or use your existing account). There is also an app you can download on your mobile.

A little and often is best – spend 30 minutes a day – not huge amounts of time all at once and see how far you can get with the course. We will ask to see evidence that you are working through the course in September.

#### 3. WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR HOBBIES & YOUR FUTURE PLANS. HAND IT IN FIRST LESSON BACK. (200-300 WORDS APPROX.)



#### 4. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH SOME USEFUL WEBSITES:

<https://quizlet.com/isabrodr/folders>

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

[www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) (Spanish)

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

[www.revisiontime.com/gCSEspan.html](http://www.revisiontime.com/gCSEspan.html)

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/rqshiwyc/school/curric/hotpotatoes/spanishindex.htm#Grammar>  
(languages online)

BBC Language Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/index.shtml>

## QUICK RECAP!

### WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO OVER THE SUMMER?

1. Register and complete internet course on [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)
2. Purchase book and work through present tense (regular & irregular verbs). More if you can!
3. Complete essay
4. Visit websites

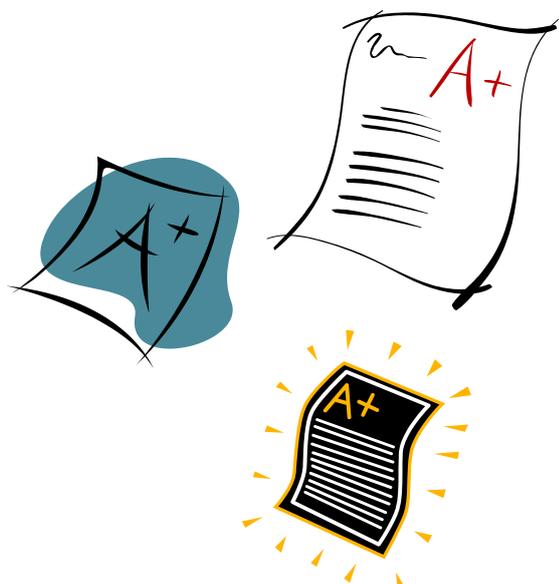
### WHEN FOR?

Your first lesson in September 2018

### FIRST DAY OF CLASS IN SEPTEMBER?

Come well-equipped to every class:

- ✓ Bring a Lever Arch Folder
- ✓ Have a copy of this pre-course guide in your folder
- ✓ Bring your essay.



## WHY STUDY A SPANISH LANGUAGE AT A LEVEL?

There are over 400 million native Spanish speakers. It is the official language of 21 countries – making Spanish a truly global language.

If you are thinking about a career using language skills there are many exciting and interesting opportunities. People tend to consider only the obvious careers in languages such as translation, interpreting or teaching, yet linguists have a vast array of career opportunities open to them, ranging from work with well-known multinational companies to international organisations or charities. There are exciting opportunities - often involving travel abroad - in almost every sector. Rest assured if you choose languages your skills will be in high demand. Having a language can give you a significant advantage in the work place!

*“language study gives you a better chance of finding a job...linguists are very employable”*

*Education Statistics Agency.*

*“employers cannot get enough of people with language skills”*

*University Council of Modern Languages.*

*“secretarial and clerical staff with languages can earn 20% extra than those with only English.... employers pay on average 8% more for staff with languages”*

*The Guardian*

### **MORE REASONS:**

- Academic / Prestigious subject
- Want to impress university admissions/interviews?
- Academically inquisitive?
- The Business & Finance industries are investing in Spain & Latin America – understanding language & culture of these countries highly valued.
- The employment rate of language graduates at university is among the highest in any subject.
- The five languages that top the list are English, simplified Chinese, Spanish, Japanese and German. If your website is translated into the first three languages on this list, you can reach 50% of global online purchasing power.
- “companies with a consistent language strategy have increased sales turnover by 10 to 25 %”.

*SOURCE: European Commission*

There are many other careers which can require language skills. There a number of occupations where language skills are currently in demand, including:

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| • Marketing and PR    | • Travel and Tourism          | • Customer Relations |
| • Finance and banking | • Event Organiser             | • Technology         |
| • Media               | • International Sales Manager | • Engineering        |

Languages really come alive when combined with expertise in another field.

Follow this link to find out more <http://www.languageswork.org.uk/choices/careers/index.htm>

## CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that you contact us if you have a query/problem. You can also submit work this way. We will use your Calday school email address to contact you.

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## INTRODUCTION

At A Level students follow the Edexcel A Level (9SP0) course.

The course provides a logical progression from GCSE. Students continue to consolidate the grammatical aspects of the language whilst exploring more advanced topic areas relating to Spanish and South American society, culture and history.

The A Level course rewards Spanish language skills, research, interpreting and analysis.

The course allows students to develop language skills to communicate effectively, accurately and confidently on a wide range of topics.

During this course, you will read and listen to authentic foreign language materials and will study aspects of contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of the Hispanic world. You will have opportunities to develop your understanding and awareness of moral, spiritual, ethical, environmental, and health issues.

You will extend and develop your knowledge of the grammar and vocabulary and will use this to speak, read, write and listen to the language. You will learn to translate from Spanish to English and English to Spanish. You will study a film and a play.

You will also learn how to develop an argument and to analyse and evaluate, in speech and in writing.

### **In addition you will:**

- Be an effective communicator
- Speak and write the language in a range of different situations and for different purposes
- Use the language to express facts and ideas
- Use the language to present explanations, opinions and information.

The course is delivered via:

- a variety of texts & resources.
- online resources
- -an ICT media suite.
- opportunity to visit Spain (exchange programme) (*subject to demand*)

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The entry requirements for Spanish are:

An interest in current affairs both national and international is a distinct advantage as is an ability to think analytically and to present your thoughts and opinions in a sensible and logical manner.

A Level Spanish relies heavily on an understanding of the issues covered as well as a high and accurate standard of language.

This is an advanced level course, so you will be expected to have undertaken a GCSE course (ideally Grade A/A\*).

You will also be asked to attend extra speaking practice throughout the year.

### **ASSESSMENT**

This is a linear course which is assessed at the end of the academic year. The final examinations test you in the four skills of speaking, reading, writing and listening. There are three units at the end of the two year course. The papers include comprehension, translation and your responses to a Spanish text and film. There is no coursework component.

### **WEIGHTING**

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PAPER 1 (listening, reading & translation)	40%
PAPER 2 (written response to works & translation)	30%
UNIT 3 (oral)	30%

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Come and look round the department. Contact the sixth form office or the department for more information.

### **SKILL AREAS**

As with GCSE the four key skill areas of Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking will be developed and examined at the end of the course.

It is important that you keep a careful record of how you are progressing in each of these areas and ask for guidance/extra practice when/where required. At this stage of your studies you will be expected to adopt a more independent & mature approach to your studies.

We hope to develop your linguistic skills as well as your cultural and general knowledge of the Spanish speaking world.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Formal assessment will take place at the end of the course (May-June) by external examination - but you will also be assessed throughout the course by your subject tutor(s) and your progress monitored.

### **EXTRA SUPPORT**

There will also be a wealth of material/resources at your disposal.

- Extra Language Lab listening practice (in lab or download listening and take home) – which can be independently marked.
- A level school websites.
- Past Papers (see subject tutor)
- External Websites (BBC Mundo..)
- School library

## **HOMework/WORK OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

You will be required to produce:

- 1 x Listening homework a week
- 1 x Vocab learning/testing a week
- 1 x Writing per week
- 1 x Speaking weekly/fortnightly
- Regular reading (outside that required by classwork).

## **USEFUL INTERNET ADDRESSES**

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| - <a href="http://www.calday.co.uk">www.calday.co.uk</a>                                    | school website        |
| - <a href="http://www.edexcel.org.uk">www.edexcel.org.uk</a>                                |                       |
| - <a href="http://www.ozu.es">www.ozu.es</a>  | popular culture       |
| - <a href="http://www.red2000.com/spain/1index.html">www.red2000.com/spain/1index.html</a>  | all about Spain       |
| - <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish</a>      |                       |
| - <a href="http://www.ondacero.es">www.ondacero.es</a>                                      | radio                 |
| - <a href="http://www.cadenaser.com">www.cadenaser.com</a>                                  |                       |
| - <a href="http://www.yahoo.es">www.yahoo.es</a>  |                       |
| - <a href="http://Red2000.com/spain/1index.html">Red2000.com/spain/1index.html</a>          | (info on Spain)       |
| - <a href="http://www.Terra.es">www.Terra.es</a>  |                       |
| - <a href="http://www.elpais.com">www.elpais.com</a>  | (Spanish newspaper)   |
| - <a href="http://www.elmundo.es">www.elmundo.es</a>  |                       |
| - <a href="http://Rtve.es/rne/index.htm">Rtve.es/rne/index.htm</a>                          |                       |
| - <a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/Spanish/news">http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/Spanish/news</a> | (news in Spanish)     |
| - <a href="http://www.Madrid.org">www.Madrid.org</a>  |                       |
| - <a href="http://Oei.es/espana.htm">Oei.es/espana.htm</a>                                  | regional provinces    |
| - <a href="http://www.Softguides.com">www.Softguides.com</a>                                | general info on Spain |
| - <a href="http://www.lne.es">www.lne.es</a>  | stats                 |
| - <a href="http://www.Mtas.es/mujer">www.Mtas.es/mujer</a>                                  | Intituto de la Mujer  |
| - <a href="http://www.oei.es/">www.oei.es/</a>  | comunidades autonomas |

### **ADD TO THIS LIST (below):**

Please add and share useful websites.