



ABBEGATE

Sixth Form College

SPANISH

Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 - 9, minimum Grade 5 Spanish

STUDENT PROFILE

If you are interested in languages and communication and you enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life, then this modern foreign language course could be suitable for you.

If you are interested in the business world, travel or tourism, literature, or journalism and the media, then you are also likely to find the course appropriate.

Often you can choose your topic or question to suit your interests. Whether you would like to use language for work, further study, training, or leisure, this is the course for you.

PROGRESSION

There will be a range of opportunities open to you. Some students choose to do degree courses in languages; others choose to pursue a higher education course in another subject, but choose a language option alongside it.

Having a language at A-level will certainly improve your employability, in particular with companies with international branches. Whether you are interested in continuing your studies or working at home or abroad, a language course at A-level is an excellent step towards achieving your goals.

STUDENT VIEW

“Studying Spanish at A-level taught me analytical and linguistic skills and how to apply these when speaking or writing about current global affairs.”

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COURSE CONTENT

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

What's assessed:

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world
- Translation into English; minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Translation into Spanish; minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Grammar.

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50 % of A-level
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment.

Paper 2: Writing

What's assessed:

- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar.

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 80 marks in total
- 20 % of A-level
- No access to texts or films during the assessment
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment
- Students are advised to write approximately 300 words per essay.

Paper 3: Speaking

What's assessed:

- Individual research project
- One of four sub-themes i.e. Aspects of Hispanic society, Artistic culture in the Hispanic world, Multiculturalism in Hispanic society, Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world.

How it's assessed:

- Oral examination: 21 – 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)
- 60 marks in total
- 30 % of A-level
- Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5 – 6 minutes). The student studies the card for 5 minutes at the start of the test (25 marks)
- Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks).

