

## AS and A level Spanish Explore Summer tasks

<b>Description of Subject:</b>	<p>Spanish is an interactive subject with a focus on oral and written communication. The inclusion of Spanish Music, Film, Art, Literature and unique festivals provides a window into Spain and Spanish-speaking countries' culture, its people and their attitudes. Any modern foreign language at A Level is lively and demanding, providing an enjoyable challenge.</p>
<b>Key GCSE Concepts and Skills for the A Level course:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to give and justify opinions.</li> <li>• Using verbs and tenses (present, preterite and imperfect, future, conditional and high frequency irregular verbs) with increasing accuracy.</li> <li>• Awareness of subjunctive.</li> <li>• Comprehension of written and spoken texts on a wide range of topics: some overlap with GCSE including personal relationships, social issues, global issues, festivals in Spanish speaking countries.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended reading/tasks:</b>	<p>a) Familiarise yourself with the AS Specification  <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692</a></p> <p>b) Revision of key grammar from GCSE using GCSE revision guides &amp; websites below.          Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ Present tense regular, irregular and stem changing</li> <li>€ Past tenses (preterite, imperfect, perfect)</li> <li>€ Future tense (near future and simple future)</li> <li>€ <i>you singular, you plural and you polite forms</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html">https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html</a>  <a href="https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1">https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z4dqxnb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z4dqxnb</a>  <a href="https://www.spanishdict.com/guide">https://www.spanishdict.com/guide</a></p> <p>c) Online Listening Practice. Use the website below, find extracts that interest you (even from the beginners' level), then listen to and read the text/translation and complete the activities to reinforce the language used. <a href="https://www.teachvid.com/resources">https://www.teachvid.com/resources</a></p> <p>d) Keep your own vocabulary book for new expressions you come across. You could order it alphabetically, by topic area, and make flash cards.</p> <p>e) Use online dictionaries  <a href="https://www.wordreference.com/">https://www.wordreference.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.spanishdict.com/guide">https://www.spanishdict.com/guide</a>  <a href="https://www.rae.es/">https://www.rae.es/</a></p> <p>f) Do some basic research on different Spanish-speaking countries AND autonomous regions in Spain as you will choose one of each at the beginning of Yr12 as a focus for further research</p>

<p><b>Regular viewing:</b></p>	<p>Get used to following the Spanish news at least once per week. Look at the <a href="http://www.bbc.com/mundo">www.bbc.com/mundo</a> for BBC reporting in Spanish. Click on Videos for clips and reports in Spanish.</p> <p>Look at the <a href="https://www.rtve.es/">https://www.rtve.es/</a> Spanish public TV channel</p> <p>Digital newspapers:  <a href="http://www.elpais.com">www.elpais.com</a>  <a href="http://www.eldiario.es">www.eldiario.es</a>  <a href="http://www.elmundo.es">www.elmundo.es</a></p>
<p><b>A bit of fun:</b></p>	<p><b>TV &amp; Film:</b>  Check Netflix and other platforms for films, series and documentaries in Spanish.</p> <p>A-Level films. Choose one of the following movies to watch over the summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volver (Pedro Almodóvar, 2006)</li> <li>• El Laberinto del Fauno (Guillermo del Toro, 2006)</li> <li>• María llena eres de gracia (Joshua Marston, 2004)</li> <li>• Abel (Diego Luna, 2010)</li> <li>• Las 13 Rosas (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro, 2007)</li> </ul> <p><b>Music:</b>  Find a Spanish song/band/artist you like and complete the gap fills until you can complete ‘advanced’ (or even ‘expert’?!) <a href="https://lyricstraining.com/es/">https://lyricstraining.com/es/</a></p> <p><b>Social Media:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start a collection of memes in Spanish</li> <li>• Find out who the current social media influencers are in Spanish speaking countries</li> <li>• Follow a range of Spanish social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests</li> </ul> <p><b>Literature:</b>  Download the ‘Parallel Books’ app to read some literary classics in two languages.</p> <p><b>Geography and interesting facts:</b>  Spend 10 minutes a day trying to learn about all Spanish speaking countries:</p> <p>Spain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o regions (comunidades autónomas) <a href="https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3005">https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3005</a></li> <li>o provinces <a href="https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3240">https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3240</a></li> <li>o provinces capital cities <a href="https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3077">https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3077</a></li> </ul> <p>Spanish speaking countries in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o North and Central America <a href="https://online.seterra.com/en/l/nam">https://online.seterra.com/en/l/nam</a></li> <li>o South America <a href="https://online.seterra.com/en/l/sam">https://online.seterra.com/en/l/sam</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Research about one of the 21 Spanish speaking countries</b> in the world learn about its geography, capital and other important cities, landscapes, traditions and festivals, sports, history society and politics, art, any aspects that interest you.</p> <p><b>Other:</b> Complete some Language Immersion Challenges</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to the radio Spanish for 5 minutes 5 days a week for 4 <b>consecutive</b> weeks. Keep a radio diary (below) with detailed notes <b>at least once</b> during each week. There are several radio stations that stream online, there are iPhone apps and channels can also be found on digital radios.</li> <li>• Find a recipe online and try it out following the instructions in Spanish. Note down the level of difficulty and the result (yours and someone else’s opinion).</li> <li>• Find out about a residential language course that is available for 16 year olds to improve their language skills in a Spanish speaking country. Write the details, including accommodation, extra activities, trips and cost.</li> <li>• Change your mobile phone set up to Spanish for four weeks.</li> </ul>
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## Summer task – due second week of September

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To introduce yourself to the class and your teachers and get to know other members of the class</li> <li>○ To revise GCSE vocabulary</li> <li>○ To revise present, preterite, imperfect, future and conditional tenses</li> <li>○ To reactivate your Spanish speaking skills</li> </ul>
<b>Context</b>	Yourself - your own interests in Spanish culture and society.
<b>Assignment</b>	Prepare a 4-5 minute Spanish presentation (Power point, for example), introducing yourself to the class and your teachers.
<b>Things to consider</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Avoid online translators, make judicious use of dictionaries and helpful websites/resources (see suggestions below).</li> <li>○ Consider limiting the amount of text on each slide and referring to postcards for your notes.</li> <li>○ Ensure you have carefully proof-read and spell-checked your presentation.</li> <li>○ Rehearse loud what you are going to say</li> <li>○ Will you read a script or refer to bullet point notes?</li> <li>○ Speak clearly and slowly and project your voice.</li> <li>○ Consider producing a vocabulary list to provide for other members of the class if you use any unusual or advanced vocabulary in your presentation.</li> </ul>
<b>Essential documents</b>	No essential documents but you will find your prepared GCSE conversation questions to be an extremely useful resource for this presentation.
<b>Useful links</b>	<a href="http://www.wordreference.com">www.wordreference.com</a> (good online dictionary) <a href="http://www.linguee.com">www.linguee.com</a> (another online dictionary which is useful for finding the Spanish version of idiomatic English phrases) <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmgrxyc">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmgrxyc</a> Clear explanations of the key tenses and other grammar points
<b>Deadline</b>	Second week back in September.

	<b>Content of your presentation</b>	<b>Suggested tenses (you can use more)</b>
1	Nombre, edad, cumpleaños, lo que te gusta hacer en tu tiempo libre	Present tense Verb + infinitive
2	Describe el pueblo donde vives y si te gusta vivir allí	Present
3	Qué asignaturas vas a estudiar en A-Level. Tus planes para el futuro: universidad, trabajo etc	Present Future Condicional
4	¿Por qué quieres estudiar español ? ¿Qué aspectos de la cultura te interesan ?	Presente Conditional
5	Una visita a España o a otro país donde se habla español en el pasado : describe el lugar y qué hiciste ¿Cuál de los 22 países donde se habla español te gustaría conocer? ¿Por qué te interesa?	Preterite Imperfect
6	Presenta a una persona famosa del mundo hispano. (actores, cantantes, deportistas, políticos, voluntarios, <i>influencers</i> ). o Presenta una fiesta o tradición del mundo hispano	Present Preterite