

# Get ready for Spanish

## About the subject

The Spanish course provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for you to build on your previous study of the Spanish language. Through social, intellectual and cultural themes you will be able to develop your linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of Spain. A strong focus is placed on building confidence and fluency in spoken Spanish using relevant and topical themes.

The themes which we study in Year 1 are:

El Ciberespacio

Los Valores Tradicionales y Modernos

La Igualdad

In Year 2 we study:

La Influencia de los Idolos

La Identidad Regional en España

El Patrimonio Cultural

We also study a film and a book.

The exam board is AQA and the A Level exam consists of 3 papers: Paper 1 (listening, reading and translation) counts for 50% of the overall mark, Paper 2 (essays) counts for 20% and Paper 3 (speaking) counts for 30%.

## Your tasks

Before you start the A Level course, it would really help you to do some background reading around the themes. You can do this in English, but it would really help you more to do this in Spanish, to keep your contact up with the language. Try to read short stories, short articles (or paragraphs of articles in Spanish). Make a vocabulary list as you go (either on Memrise or just plain old paper!) Underneath are some suggested websites you might like to try.

[www.elpaís.es](http://www.elpaís.es)

[www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

[www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es)

[www.oye.org.uk](http://www.oye.org.uk) (free after 4pm)

Transition-to-A-level-Get-ready-for-spanish-next-year

[<https://www.barnsleysixthformcollege.co.uk/app/uploads/2020/04/Transition-to-A-level-Get-ready-for-spanish-next-year.pdf>]

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## Essential reading

Grammar is key at A Level, so if you can keep revising grammar structures learned at GCSE these will be secure before starting the A Level course.

## Useful websites and other resources

Join the Barnsley College Transition Spanish Team and access more materials and support.

Microsoft Teams page has been created – students are welcome to access this with a code – they should email Gemma Bramall [<mailto:gemma.bramall@barnsley.ac.uk>] to request.

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