

*“One language sets you in a corridor for life.
Two languages open every door along the way.”
Frank Smith*



WHY CHOOSE SPANISH ?

21 countries have Spanish as a main language with 580 million people speaking it. Most of The United States speaks Spanish as a second language.

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures deepening understanding of the world. In MLF students learn to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond both in speech and in writing. They develop their self-confidence and are provided with opportunity to communicate for practical purposes.

HOW WILL SPANISH HELP ME?

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

Overall skills developed whilst learning a foreign language are:

- Communication
- Memorising information
- Translation
- Analysing
- Team work
- Developing relationships
- Problem solving
- Confidence
- Cultural understanding

Foreign Language study creates more positive attitudes and less prejudice toward people who are different. Studying languages shows a high level of communication skills, the ability to work independently and that you are mature, confident and can easily adapt to different situations and cultures.

Students who have a language on their CV are given preference by universities to study Medicine and Engineering due to the skills acquired whilst learning a language, which are an asset very well regarded by higher institutions and by employers.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE? WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study 3 broad themes.

Each cover the following topics that make up the content of the GCSE syllabus.

1- Identity and culture:

Youth culture, Lifestyle, Customs and Traditions.

2 - Local, national, international and global areas of interest:

Home and Locality, Spain and Spanish speaking countries, Global Sustainability.

3- Current and future study and employment:

Current study, World of Work, Jobs and Future plans.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Spanish lessons will take place in an exciting environment where you will be challenged to improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. You will follow the Pearson's syllabus that will engage you in different stimulating activities.

Speaking - skills will be developed through continuous engagement in class using Target Language; such as day to day class activities and reading out loud; answering questions; role plays; photo card discussion and conversations on topics covered by the syllabus.

In **listening** and through different aural stimuli, students learn how to effectively and efficiently process the sounds and match what they hear to the mental representation they have stored in their long-term memory.

Students will be given the opportunity to read different types of texts to develop their **reading** skills. Students will get used to reading from authentic sources which will support understanding the language in different styles whilst deepening their cultural knowledge and awareness.

Writing goes hand in hand with speaking, and practicing one develops the other. Students will be encouraged and supported to use the grammatical rules learnt to write paragraphs on many of the topics covered by the syllabus.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You are either entered for Foundation (Grades 1 - 5) or Higher (Grades 4 - 9). Within each tier, there are 4 final examinations in each of the following skills:

- ✓ 1. Listening 25%
- ✓ 2. Reading 25%
- ✓ 3. Speaking 25%
- ✓ 4. Writing 25%

HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

If you are looking into Management; Travel and Hospitality; Media; Advertising; PR; Publishing; Marketing; Translation; Teaching; Business and Finance; Civil Service and Diplomacy & European Law, these are just some example of what you could do:

Work in the world of Fashion!

Work as Documentary maker or Producer on programs made abroad.

Work on an oil rig as a worker or as an engineer.

Work for The United Nations helping to maintain international peace and security and develop friendly relations between nations.

Work as an Events Organiser. It takes a lot of people to organise events such as the Olympics or the World Cup!

Journalist overseas as you need to talk to people on the ground and communicate.

Work for Global Technology Companies and Banks!

Become a Pilot or work as a Cabin Crew and travel the world!

Work for the Security Service as an MI5 agent and keep the country safe.

Work for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office where you will be representing the government overseas and promote the UK's interest abroad.

Careers Summary (links to explore):

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