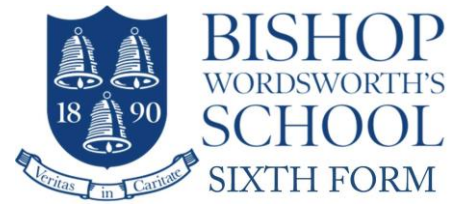


# Spanish

## AQA Specification



### General information:

This Spanish course aims to develop communication and grammar skills to a high level, enabling students to become competent and confident speakers of Spanish. The A Level course covers a whole range of social, political and ethical issues, giving students insight into the cultural richness and social obstacles faced by Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

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### Course content:

In Year 12, the course covers topics such as: Modern and Traditional Values, Cyberspace, Gender Equality, The Influence of Celebrities, Spain's Regional Identities and Cultural Heritage. In addition, students will study a modern Spanish film (*El Laberinto del Fauno*) and a classic book (*La Casa de Bernarda Alba*). In Year 13, the course covers Immigration, Racism, Integration, the Role of Young People in Society, Monarchy and Dictatorships and Social Movements. In Year 13, students will also embark on an Independent Research Project, where they will research and analyse the topic of their choice.

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### How is the course taught and assessed?

Spanish is taught by two teachers over eight periods per week. Students have an additional 2 periods per week of Supervised Study, which are dedicated to their Spanish studies. Spanish is assessed at the end of the two-year course by three examinations: Paper 1 is a Listening, Reading and Writing examination, lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes, with a raw mark of 100. This paper consists of listening comprehension, reading comprehension, translation into English and translation into Spanish. Paper 2 is a Writing paper, lasting 2 hours with a raw mark of 80. In this examination, students will write an essay about the film '*El Laberinto del Fauno*' and an essay about the book '*La Casa de Bernarda Alba*'. Finally, students have a Speaking examination, where they will discuss their Independent Research Project, and discuss two themes from the A Level course.

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### Entry requirements:

In addition to the general entry requirements for BWS, a grade 7 in GCSE Spanish.

### Results information:

In 2023, 67% students achieved Grade A\*- B grades at A level.

### Top destinations for students:

Students have gone on to Oxford and Cambridge to study Spanish, as well as Nottingham, Cardiff, Bristol, Exeter, and other Russell Group universities.

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### Beyond the curriculum:

Students will dedicate time to practising their Spanish with a native speaker, and we are running a study visit to Southern Spain in 2025, after a successful first visit in 2023. In addition, A-Level students are given the opportunity to mentor younger students studying Spanish.