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### Course Outline:

The following themes areas are studied in Year 10 and 11

- People and lifestyle
- Popular culture
- Communication and the world around us

### Skills/attributes developed/required:

During this course, students will gain the linguistic skills to communicate with people speaking a different language and discover different ways of thinking, as the lessons embed cultural aspects of language learning. Authentic material from target language countries will be used in every day teaching.

Students who study a foreign language are encouraged to become better writers, speakers and conversationalists, so the skills they acquire in their Modern Languages lessons will also support them in their other subjects. Furthermore, scientific studies demonstrate that studying another language has a positive impact on brain development and functioning. It enhances creativity, memory, problem solving skills and ambiguity tolerance.

## Examination Information

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Course outline:** Exams can be taken at a foundation (grades 1-5) or higher tier (grades 4-9). Each skill is worth 25% of the final grade.

- Listening Test – to test the understanding and responding to different types of spoken language
- Speaking Test – to test the ability to communicate and interact effectively in speech for a variety of purposes. The speaking exam consists of three parts: (i) Conversation about a photo card (ii) Role play (iii) Reading aloud and a short conversation.
- Reading Test – to test the understanding and response to different types of written language. This test also includes a short translation task (target language to English).

Writing Test – Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes. This exams consists of the following tasks: (i) Sentences to describe a photo (ii) Multi-choice grammar gap fill (iii) Translation from English into target language (iv) A structured writing task.

## Where can it take me?

**Next Steps:** Modern Languages graduates are very employable. Even if you do not continue to A-level or university, employers place considerable importance on a foreign language for GCSE.

**Future career opportunities that this subject may lead to:** Interpreter, Journalist, International Aid/ Development Worker, Logistics/ Distribution, Marketing, Engineer, Law, Tour Manager, Publishing, Hospitality, Air and Sea Transport Manager, Tourism, Diplomatic Service, Telecommunications, Finance.

## What Key Skills will I gain by taking Spanish?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Analysing                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Learning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication - Verbal  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Thinking |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication - Written | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listening Skills     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Thinking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Skills             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debating                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Making                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Research                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-On / Technical Skills        | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Work                       |