



Getting Ahead – Pre-course Work

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Spanish A Level

Welcome to **Spanish**. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first week of college in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least four and a half hours of independent study, per subject, per week.

What should I do this summer to prepare for September?

- 1) Order the 3 course books below
- 2) Revise these 3 verbs in the preterite, imperfect, present & future tenses: **hablar**, **comer** & **escribir**. *There will be a test in the first couple of weeks*
- 3) Watch the film “El laberinto del fauno” and any more you can find (there are LOTS on Netflix!)



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How will I be assessed?

You will take three exams. Paper 1 is 40% of the total marks available; Paper 2 is 30% and Paper 3 is 30%. You will be given a certificate with a grade between E and A*, with A* being the highest.

Paper 1 Listening, reading and translation	Paper 2 Written response to works, grammar and translation	Paper 3 Speaking
In the listening section of this paper, you will answer multiple-choice and comprehension questions in Spanish on a variety of recordings. In the reading section, you will also answer multiple-choice and comprehension questions in Spanish, based on a variety of written passages. You will also translate a passage from Spanish into English.	In this paper you will write about two books, or one book and one film, that you have studied throughout the year. There will also be a translation of a passage from English into Spanish.	Before this exam you will have 5 minutes to prepare a discussion based on a stimulus card you are given. You will then discuss the topic of the card with your examiner, who is usually your teacher. You'll also give a presentation on an independent research project you will have conducted, on a topic you will have chosen.

What will I learn?

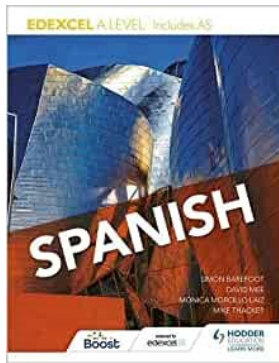
A level Spanish helps you explore a wide range of topics, which will add to your understanding of the language and country. Topics are: evolving society in Spain; political and artistic culture in Spanish-speaking countries; immigration and multiculturalism in Spain; Franco's dictatorship and the transition to democracy. The books (or book and film) you study may link to the topics, giving you further insight into Spanish culture. You will also learn new grammar and vocabulary and you will be able to translate into and out of Spanish. You will develop your critical thinking, creativity, independence and skills of analysis. You will also develop skills to be able to learn other languages.

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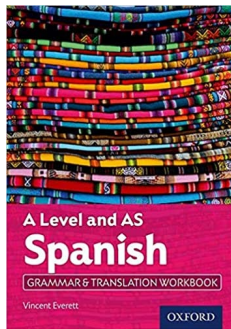
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Getting Equipped

1. Course text book: Edexcel A-level Spanish (approx. £35.00)



2. Oxford Grammar & translation workbook for Edexcel (approx. £10.00)



3. La Casa de Bernarda Alba (approx. £10.00)



Don't worry if you are unsure if you can afford these books. You can go to Student Services for some advice about a college bursary or by emailing bursary@brock.ac.uk

We hope you are excited about starting your Spanish course. We are really looking forward to welcoming you in September. ¡Hasta luego!