

SUBJECT: SPANISH IB HIGHER

**HEAD OF SUBJECT:
MRS H LATIMER**

**SYLLABUS NUMBER:
LANGUAGE B COURSE**

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

Core topics:

- Social relationships
- Global issues
- Communication and the Media

Elective topics:

- Health
- Cultural diversity

Students are expected to reach a high degree of competence in a language and explore the culture using the language.

The range of purposes and situations extend to the domains of social relationships, communication and media, global issues, health, customs, leisure, science and technology, and literature. This course would be suitable for a language learner who intends to study the language at this level for a future career-

Lessons will generally be conducted in Spanish and students should aim to communicate in the target language as much as possible to progress in their spoken skills.

SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

Written communication using appropriate register and style including accurate grammar, vocabulary and syntax. The ability to write in different text formats is also required.

Effective oral communication showing ability to interact accurately and spontaneously in complex exchanges.

Reading comprehension skills across a wide range of topic areas. A high level of vocabulary and profound knowledge of each topic is required.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

www.euronews.net
www.elmundo.es
www.elpais.es
www.20minutos.es
www.spanishrevision.co.uk
www.notesinspanish.com
www.muyinteresante.es
www.studyspanish.com
www.bbc.co.uk/languages
www.vocab.co.uk
A number of IB past exam papers can be found on the school website and at:
www.freeexampapers.com/past

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 Exam:

Text-Handling 25%.

Paper 2 Exam:

Written production 25%.

Written assignment – creative writing based on study of Literature 20%.

Oral Exams: 30%

Individual oral 20%.
Group oral 10%.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

The course is suitable for **high achievers** at GCSE with grade B in Spanish.

OTHER INFORMATION

Eg Field Trips/expenses/books

Students are strongly advised to keep up to date with topical issues around the world, especially in target language country.

Dictionary for study at home.

Attending lessons with the Language Assistant is compulsory.

Work experience exchange Visit in Lower Sixth.

Recommended – Palabra por palabra by Phil Turk

Spanish B for the IB Diploma – Thacker/Bianchi

Compulsory literature to be purchased:

Campos de Fresas – Jordi Serrat i Fabra

Como Agua Para Chocolate – Laura Esquivel