

## **SUBJECT: SPANISH IB Standard Ab Initio**

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MRS H LATIMER**

**SYLLABUS NUMBER:  
LANGUAGE B**

### **SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT**

This course runs for four hours per cycle. It will focus on strengthening students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Spanish. Another important aspect of the course is the development of students' cultural awareness of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries. The main focus is on the acquisition of language required for situations in everyday life.

The topic areas covered are the Individual and Society, Leisure and Work and Urban and Rural Environment.

The course is demanding in terms of rapid acquisition of new vocabulary and requires a great level of commitment. Students also need to be highly participative in lessons in order to get the most from their language learning.

Lessons with the Spanish assistant will also be provided for Ab Initio students, to which attendance is compulsory to ensure effective preparation for the oral assessment.

### **SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED**

Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.  
The Ab Initio course also places great emphasis on the grammar, vocabulary and cultural aspects of language learning.

### **SOME USEFUL WEBSITES**

[www.espanol-extra.com](http://www.espanol-extra.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish)

A number of IB past exam papers can be found at:  
[www.freeexampapers.com/](http://www.freeexampapers.com/)

### **ASSESSMENT**

**Oral Assessment (25%):**

Individual oral exam (10 minutes)

**Paper 1 Text Handling (30%)**

Comprehension of four written texts

**Paper 2 Written Production (25%)**

Two compulsory writing tasks.

**Written Assignment (20%)**

Completed in class and supervised by the teacher

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**Eg Field Trips/expenses/books**

Lower Sixth students will have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish exchange.

Students will be provided with text book resources, though are encouraged to purchase a good dictionary, vocabulary book and grammar reference book.

All students must attend lessons with the Spanish Language Assistant