

Tuxford Academy

GCSE → AS Spanish

Transition Booklet



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Getting ready for AS Spanish

We are very pleased to welcome you to the AS Spanish course. There is a natural progression from GCSE to AS Level and many of the AS topics build upon your GCSE knowledge.

Language skills need to be practised – if you don't use it, you lose it! It is very important that you don't forget everything you've learnt over the summer!!

In order to be fully prepared for September, please work through the tasks in the booklet. Some of the tasks are designed to revise GCSE topics which will form the basis of AS topics. There are also grammar tasks and some activities to help you to develop your cultural awareness.

- Try to do something most days and certainly, at least 1 hour per week on average
- Do not leave it until the last minute

Please keep all of your GCSE exercise books and notes.

Getting organised for AS

Please get equipped with the following before September

- A ring binder
- Subject dividers: one for each topic area, a grammar section, written tasks and essays/articles/authentic sources/independent work. Plastic wallets will also be useful to help to get you organised.
- The following books:
 - A good Spanish dictionary (eg Collins Robert Concise Spanish Dictionary)
- Stationary: pens, pencils and highlighter pens

THIS BOOKLET MUST BE COMPLETED OVER THE SUMMER AND WILL BE COLLECTED IN SEPTEMBER

Task 1 – Check you can use a range of verbs in different tense

	Past	Present	Near Future	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
beber						
comer						
escuchar						
estar						
gustar						
hacer						
ir						
jugar						
ser						
vivir						

10 points

La tecnología

10 points

*La televisión, las películas
Y la música*

10 points

Task 4 – Revise opinion phrases – how many of these do you know?

a mi juicio	
creo que	
en mi opinión	
en mi punto de vista	
estimo	
estoy de acuerdo	
imagino	
me parece que	
no estoy de acuerdo	
pienso que	
rechazo totalmente	

Try to learn these for September. They will be very useful.

10 points

Task 5 – Read an article from a Spanish newspaper

Choose a topic that interests you (e.g. a film or sport you like)

Here are the websites for some Spanish newspapers:

www.elmundo.es

www.hola.com

www.elpais.es

es.news.yahoo.com/

www.abc.es/

Don't expect to understand every word. You might only recognise a few words or sentences. It doesn't matter as you are still developing your language skills.

Interesting words/phrases

10 points

Task 6 – Watch the Spanish news (via the internet)

Try to get the gist of what is being said.

You won't understand everyone – don't worry. It's very fast!

Here are some Spanish TV channels where you'll find news bulletins:

www.euronews.net

www.20minutes.es/

es.news.yahoo.com/

www.antena3tv.com

www.informativos.telecinco.es/

Interesting words/phrases

10 points

Task 7 – Practise your Spanish grammar online. Check you are happy with everything you learnt for GCSE.

Here are some useful websites:

www.linguascope.com (verulam/pupils)

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.samlearning.co.uk

www.joye!.org.uk

10 points

Task 10 – Complete the following ‘diary’ in Spanish for each week of the summer holidays.

What did you do? Why? What was your opinion? It doesn’t matter how uninteresting the week was, find something impressive to write in Spanish.

	¿Qué hiciste? – What did you do?
Semana 1	
Semana 2	
Semana 3	
Semana 4	
Semana 5	
Semana 6	

20 points