

Y7 COURSE DESCRIPTOR from Sept 2017

In Year 7 Spanish, students begin learning how another language works, and how to work out meanings for themselves. They learn how to:

- introduce themselves & describe their family,
- describe what they do in their leisure time,
- talk about school & what they like,
- talk about their house & where they live,
- talk about their plans

Pupils are assessed in four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. They will also be assessed on their ability to translate simple sentences into Spanish, based on language they have learned. We expect all pupils by the end of Year 7 to be able to manipulate the present tense and be working towards mastering the near future tense, as well as learning key vocabulary for the above topics. Grammatical accuracy, now a key element of the GCSE, will be essential to making good progress.

Y8 COURSE DESCRIPTOR from Sept 2017

In Year 8 Spanish, students expand on their learning of how another language works, and begin to be able to express themselves more fluently. They learn how to:

- talk about their holidays using the Past tense,
- talk about the media,
- talk about activities they did in the past,
- invite other people to do things, and accept or decline invitations,
- cope with shopping situations and ordering in a restaurant,
- ask for directions and understand the answers.

Pupils continue to be assessed in four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. They will also be assessed on their ability to translate basic sentences into Spanish, based on language they have learned. We expect all pupils by the end of Year 8 to be able to manipulate the present tense, and the near future tense and be working towards mastering the Preterite (simple past) tense, as well as learning key vocabulary for the above topics. Grammatical accuracy, now a key element of the GCSE, continues to be essential to making good progress.

Y9 COURSE DESCRIPTOR from Sept 2017

In Year 9 Spanish, students consolidate their learning and expand on their ability to express themselves fluently. Emphasis is on mastering the three main tenses - Preterite (past tense), Present and Near Future (going to) and Simple Future (will) - as well as consolidating and improving their vocabulary. This is essential for further study. Topics covered are free time and going out, jobs and future plans, health, the environment, and visiting a Spanish city.

Pupils are assessed in December, at Easter and in the Summer Term, in order to monitor their progress and attainment.