

# WHGS Sixth Form

## Modern Foreign Languages *Spanish*



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### A Level Preparation Pack

Our Exam Board is: AQA

### Suggested Reading

As part of your Spanish Language studies, you will cover a wide variety of texts and topics, so it is a good idea to familiarise yourself with as many of these as you can. To help you do this have a look at the list below for some reading and viewing suggestions.

It is a good idea to read through an article or two from newspapers such as:

- El País
- El Mundo
- La Vanguardia
- ABC

This may be difficult at first but focus on what you understand and note what you don't understand.

The speaking exam requires you to research an independent topic of any interest to you. It must have links with Spanish speaking countries.

You could do various background reading on current international issues from the following sites:

- [www.es.yahoo.com](http://www.es.yahoo.com)
- [www.bbc.com/mundo](http://www.bbc.com/mundo)



Topics you will study:



■ **Social issues and trends**

- Aspects of target language society
- Multiculturalism in target language society

■ **Political and artistic culture**

- Artistic culture in the target language world
- Aspects of politics in the target language

You will also study:

■ **Film: Volver**

Suggested transition tasks:

Watch the film online and read critiques on this film in both Spanish and English.

Research characters, quotes and themes of the film. Also read about the director's background.

■ **Literature: La Casa de Bernarda Alba**

Suggested transition material:

Watch the filmed version of the play online. It can be found on YouTube.

Research characters and themes within the play, also research key quotes in the play and why they are so important.

There is a variety of materials available on the Student Share area in Spanish / Year 13.

■ **Grammar**

Access the Spanish AQA Specification and read through the grammar section for what you will be expected to know.

Practise conjugation on <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Revise these topics from your Viva GCSE book and find YouTube clips to help with the more advanced ones.



## A Level Spanish Transition Tasks

It is important that you do not neglect your writing skills over the next few weeks.

Attempt these research tasks, which cover the AQA specification you will study. Choose the ones which are of most interest to you.

**All answers must be written in your own words in Spanish.**

### TASK 1: Aspects of the Target Language Country

**Fact Finding Mission:** Read through a variety of source materials and decide on the most interesting **Top Ten Facts** about Spain and Spanish speaking countries.

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## TASK 2: Life in the Capital

**Research a capital city in either Spain or a Spanish speaking country.**

Write a short passage on what you could do during a visit to the capital.

## TASK 3: Multicultural Society

**Read through a variety of source materials about Spain or a Spanish speaking country and make notes on multiculturalism within that country.** Include and discuss statistics to evidence your findings.

## TASK 4: Youth Culture

**Investigate the current situation, in Spain or a Spanish speaking country, of the following aspects:**

■ Music

■ Fashion

■ Social media

## TASK 5: Let's Celebrate!

**Find out how the main festivals are celebrated in Spain or a Spanish speaking country.**

Make notes in your own words or create a mini brochure to encourage visitors to the country.

## TASK 6: Paint Me a Picture

Find out about the main artistic influences in Spain or a Spanish speaking country. This includes all forms of art, such as sculpture and architecture. Insert pictures to discuss your findings.

## TASK 7: It's all Politics!

Write 3 facts each about the main political parties in Spain or a Spanish speaking country.

Investigate at least 3 different parties with opposing political ideas.

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