

**Spanish Department**

**The new Spanish GCSE will cover 3 themes and 12 topics.**

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**The course will be assessed through exams at the end of the 2 year course.**

**The course will be tiered either FOUNDATION or HIGHER.**

**The exams will be weighted as follows:**

* 25% Speaking
* 25% Listening
* 25% Reading
* 25% Writing

**Paper 1 LISTENING : Duration 35mins Foundation 45 mins Higher**

* Section A – this section will have the questions in English and the students will be expected to answer in English.
* Section B – this section will have the questions in Spanish and the students will be expected to answer in Spanish.

**Paper 2 SPEAKING :**

**Duration 7-9 mins Foundation 10-12mins Higher**

**+Prep time (12 minutes)**



**Paper 3 READING :**

**Duration 45 mins Foundation 1 hr Higher**

1. Traditional exam questions in English and in Spanish
2. Reading Comprehension from literary texts.
3. A translation from Spanish to English

**Paper 4 WRITING :**

**Duration 1 hr Foundation**

1. A list task based on a theme
2. Short writing task – short sentences in response to several short tasks
3. Translation task – from English into Spanish
4. A structured writing task – ( 90 words) (to choose from two)

**Duration 1 hr 15 mins Higher**

1. A structured writing task – ( 90 words) (to choose from two)
2. An open-ended writing task – ( 150 words) (to choose from two) responding to 4 bullet points about a topic.
3. Translation task – from English into Spanish

**PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

Although previous knowledge is not required, students should cover the basics of Spanish vocabulary and grammar independently at home on a daily basis. (Short periods of 15mins daily).

All students have access to digital book online [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com)

Username and password (first initial + surname) i.e John Smith  **jsmith**

Organization code **LN2**

All students should revise GCSE vocabulary daily with [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

All class resources are available at [www.missmallo.weebly.com](http://www.missmallo.weebly.com)

 **SUPPORT FROM HOME**

**Encourage your child to:**

* Watch films, shows, documentaries, short videos in Spanish with English subtitles making notes of the new vocabulary.
* Listen to Spanish songs to learn vocabulary and pronunciation.
* Read adapted books in Spanish.
* Read newspapers, blogs, literature extracts and articles in Spanish.
* Practice memory techniques learning expressions, poems or short passages in Spanish.
* Listen to and/or create Spanish podcasts.
* Speak in Spanish at home.