



Kineton Sixth

Achieving Personal Best

A Level Spanish Bridging Course

“Spanish is a communication subject, and as such provides vital skills for all students both in foreign languages, and in their own. We aim to create confident speakers who are resilient and risk takers. Successful linguists are unafraid of making mistakes, and relish the challenge of understanding, speaking and writing in a different language, manipulating what they know to get their message across. They are able to make links between languages, and recognise patterns and structures in words and grammar. Learning a language develops character, confidence and communication.”

Kineton High School MFL Mission Statement 2019

Congratulations on choosing Spanish A-level!

We follow the AQA syllabus and the topics that we cover in Year 12 are:

- Los valores tradicionales y modernos
- El ciberespacio
- La igualdad de los sexos
- La influencia de los ídolos
- La identidad regional en España
- El patrimonio cultural

These topics will be assessed in Paper 1 (Listening, Reading and Writing) and Paper 3 (Speaking). The other half of Paper 3 will focus on your Individual Research Project that we start in Year 13. Paper 2 is an essay based exam on the literature and film that you'll study towards the end of Year 12.

Year 12 lessons are student led and active participation in target language is required. In order to support this, you will be given work to prepare in advance of lessons. This might be vocab, research, or a discussion question to think about. We recommend talking about these with family and friends as this will give you a broad range of opinions and views to bring to the class.

We have a range of listening and reading resources online to support your work in lessons, and you will be expected to keep up to date with these as part of your independent learning. You will be given a personal password to these in September.

Useful resources

“Palabra por palabra” is a really useful advanced vocabulary book, available from Amazon. Please purchase before the September.

A decent bilingual dictionary, verb book, and grammar handbook are all very useful to have at home. Copies of all are available for use in the Spanish classrooms if you ever need to use them at school.

As at GCSE, change your apps, games and social media into Spanish. Follow Spanish speakers on Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with relevant language.

To improve your listening skills

You should select a short audio or video clip from the Internet. Play the clip at least three times and write a brief summary in Spanish (it needn't be any longer than 50 words) with a vocabulary list of at least 10 words. These could be key words or they could be words that are new to you and had to be looked up.

It is easier to start with short news bulletins. Video clips are ideal as they are easier to understand. Start with shorter clips and then when you feel ready, you could choose a radio programme from the Radio station websites listed below.

Spanish News

www.euronews.net

Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of News videos.

www.20minutos.es/

es.news.yahoo.com/

Follow the link to **Video Noticias** for three-minute news clips.

es.noticias.yahoo.com/

Spanish TV channel websites:

www.antena3tv.com

Choose from the menu for the topic area you are interested in and then browse for video clips:

www.antena3videos.com/

For news, browse for videos at:

www.informativos.telecinco.es/

www.canalsur.es

Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

www.informativos.telecinco.es/reproductor_video.htm

For celebrity gossip....

es.celebrities.yahoo.com/

Click on "Perfiles de Famosos"

Spanish Radio on-line

www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm

Select a radio station from the list.

www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html

Selection of the most important radio channels

To improve your reading skills

Select an article which interests you, read it carefully and select at least 10 new pieces of vocabulary to look up. The choice of topic area is limitless. The temptation may be to pick an article on fashion, but you should avoid doing this every week as they are not so easy to understand. It is a good idea to vary the topic area and to choose articles related to the syllabus topics so that you encounter a variety of vocabulary.

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news

The best place to start is the BBC's languages web-pages. Choose the "reportajes" link to find articles from the former "Semanario Internet" with a variety of reading exercises. The articles are archived into topic areas that relate to the AS and A level syllabus.

Some of them include audio clips so you can base your listening task on the same topic.

www.elmundo.es

Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to all of the day's news articles.

www.elpais.es

Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to the day's news articles although you may require a subscription to view the majority of the articles in full.

es.news.yahoo.com/

www.abc.es/

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.terra.es

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.donbalon.es/front/

Spanish football website with related articles.

www.terra.es (archive news)

www.marca.es (sport)

www.estrelladigital.es

To prepare for the significant step-up from GCSE you must complete the following tasks before September.

1. Revise the following grammar on languagesonline.org.uk
 - The Present Tense
 - The Present Tense 2 (El presente regular e irregular)
 - The Present Continuous
 - The Perfect Tense
 - The Future Tense
 - The Preterite
 - The Preterite 2 (El pretérito y el pretérito grave)
 - The Imperfect Tense
 - The Conditional Tense
 - Ser / Estar
 - Ser
 - Soler / Poder
 - Ir / Dar
 - Adverbs
 - Time Phrases
 - Examination Rubrics and Instructions
 - Ordinal Numbers

Redo sections over the summer until you reach 100% success.

2. Log at least an hour each week listening/ watching something in the Spanish language. It can be a ten minute YouTube clip every day, or a film with English subtitles. Bring your evidence to the first lesson, and be prepared to talk about it.
3. Learn the following vocabulary for *Los cambios en la familia*, *Actitudes hacia el matrimonio y el divorcio* and *La influencia de la Iglesia Católica*. You will be tested on your return to school.

Los cambios en la familia

adecuado/a	suitable
apetecer	to feel like doing
aumentar	to increase
asumir	to assume
el bienestar	wellbeing
brindar (consejos)	to offer (advice)
complacer	to please
cobrar	to take on/ to earn
el conjunto	group
conseguir	to manage
cuidar	to look after
cuyo/a	whose
el derecho	the right
disfrutar	to enjoy
la docilidad	submissiveness
la emancipación	independence
el embarazo	pregnancy
el énfasis	emphasis
enseñar	to show/ to teach
escoger	to choose
el esfuerzo	effort
la esposa	wife
familiar	familial
el fallecimiento	death
la hembra	female
el hogar	home
impecable	impeccable
imprescindible	essential
incluso	even
la incorporación	involvement
a largo plazo	in the long term
el listón	ribbon
lucir	to glow
mantener	to maintain
negar	to deny
el nido	nest
un paso hacia atrás	a backwards step
el plumero	feather duster
el puñado	handful
la recompensa	reward
quejarse	to complain
reluciente	shiny
el siglo	century
soler	to usually...
subordinar	to subordinate
la sumisión	submissiveness
tardío	late
la tarea	task
vigésimo	twentieth
la vivienda	dwelling

Actitudes hacia el matrimonio y el divorcio

Abarrotar	To pack
Agradecer	To thank
De ahora en adelante	From now on
Ambos	Both
Arrojar	To throw
El auge	Rise
La buena voluntad	Goodwill
La butaca	Armchair
La caída	Fall
La calada	Drag on a cigarette
Un camino de rosas	A bed of roses
El cariño	Affection
Ceder	To give up/ give in
La cifra	Number
El compromiso	Commitment
El/la consejero/a	Counsellor
El consejo	Advice
Consensuado	Consensual
Definir	To define
Derogar	To abolish
La desaparición	Disappearance
Dispararse	To shoot/ to fire/ to go up
Duplicarse	To double (up)
Empeorado/a	Worsened
En boga	In fashion
Encarcelado/a	Imprisoned
El encendedor	Lighter
La encuesta	Survey
Enfrentar	To face
Enredar	To mess with
Entrar en vigor	To become law
La espuma	Foam
Estabilizarse	To become established
El fenómeno	Phenomenon
El fracaso	Failure
Hinchado/a	Swollen
El humo	Smoke
Incidir	To stress
El juzgado	Court/ judgement
La meta	Goal/target
La mitad	Half
La nimiedad	Triviality/minutiae
El pañuelo	Headscarf/nappy
Por las nubes	Through the roof (to the clouds)
El precepto	Rule
El procedimiento	Process
Provocar	To provoke
El psicólogo	Psychologist
La punzada	Jab
El respaldo	Support

El respeto	Respect
El reto	Challenge
Revocar	To revoke
Rozar	To come close to
Sin ambages	Bluntly
Soñar	To dream
Sospechar	To suspect
Un tercio	A third
El/la testigo/a	Witness
Transcurrir	To take place/ to elapse
La vergüenza	shame

La influencia de la Iglesia Católica

Aclarar	To clarify
El bautismo	Baptism
Bautizar	To baptise
Bendecir	To bless
El brillo	Shine
Controvertido/a	Controversial
La corona	Crown
Cumplir	To fulfil
La desafección	Disaffection
El desarrollo	Development
Disponer de	To have at one's disposal
El Domingo de Ramos	Palm Sunday
Dominical	Relating to Sunday
Encabezado/a	Headed by
Enseguida	Straightaway
Fallecer	To die
Inconcebiblemente	Inconceivably
Indígena	Native/ indigenous
Llevar a cabo	To carry out
Madrileño/a	From Madrid
Menguar	To reduce
La medida	The measure
El monje	Monk
El Papa	The Pope
Pisar	To tread on
Predecir	To predict
Regalar	To give a present
Rescatar	To rescue
Secularizarse	To become secular
Suplantar	To take the place of
El vínculo	Link
La vivencia	Experience