

Spanish

Aims

By the age of 16 (the end of Year 11) pupils should:

- be able to use Spanish effectively for practical communication.
- have some insight into the culture and civilisation of Spanish-speaking countries, including the Jewish dimension.
- have a sound base in the skills, language and attitude required either for further study, or for work and/or leisure.
- derive enjoyment, intellectual stimulation and cultural enrichment from a wide variety of language tasks, including extended reading of magazines, newspapers and books, watching television programmes, films, plays, and so on.
- appreciate that, as British Jews, they are European citizens and, as such, have the possibility of carrying out their future career in Europe.

Who studies what and when?

Spanish is introduced in Year 9 as a third foreign language to pupils and thereafter is an option to continue to GCSE. Lessons are conducted, as far as possible, in the foreign language, using authentic materials.

Year 9

In Year 9, pupils are taught in form groups and have two lessons in the ten-day cycle.

Years 10-11

In Years 10 & 11 pupils have five periods of Spanish in the ten-day cycle and, as it is taken as an Option, lessons are mixed-sex and mixed-ability. The course book used is *Español de Primero* and pupils sit the AQA GCSE examination. Homework is set once a week, a minimum of 1 hour on each occasion.

All pupils are encouraged to take out a subscription for a Spanish magazine, appropriate to their level. Extensive use is made of audio and visual equipment as well as the Language Laboratory software in the Computer Suite. The Department is always striving to improve the provision for use of IT as a means of assisting language learning.

Madrid

The department has established a link with the Centro Ibn Gabirol Jewish Secondary School in Madrid and an annual visit to Madrid for Year 10 pupils of Spanish takes place each academic year.

LVI and UVI

The A Level syllabus prepares the students for the Edexcel A Level examination, the aims of which are to:

- encourage maximum use of the foreign language by both learners and teachers;
- develop in pupils a range of practical skills which will enable them to understand and communicate in the written and spoken language for a variety of purposes in the worlds of work and leisure.
- enhance pupils' awareness of language registers and the circumstances in which they are used.

At A Level pupils are required to demonstrate their knowledge of contemporary society in one country where Spanish is spoken, covering areas such as the world of work, transport and travel, the media, culture and the arts, literature, and food and drink. In addition to their regular timetabled periods, A Level students are expected to attend a one-hour Spanish conversation class each week with the Spanish assistant. A period of work experience in Spain is recommended.