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| **Subject** | **Spanish** |
| **Examination Board** | **Edexcel** |
| **Worth** | **1 GCSE 9 - 1** |

**What will I learn?**

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| GCSE Spanish help you explore a wide range of topics, from celebrations and festivals, through getting by as a tourist in Spain to international campaigns and events. You will learn about Spanish culture through a range of interesting topics which will add to your understanding of the language and country.  The GCSE is organised into five themes:   * Identity and culture * Local area, holiday and travel * School * Future aspirations, study and work * International and global dimension |

**How will I be assessed?**

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| You will take four exams worth 25% each. You can take foundation or higher level, and you will be given a grade between 1 and 9, with 9 being the highest.   * **Listening.** This requires you to listen to recordings in Spanish and answer questions on what you hear. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need you to write short answers in English and Spanish. * **Reading**. The reading section will give you passages to read and questions to answer. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need you to write short answers in English and Spanish. Passages will be from Spanish sources such as emails, magazines and books. You will also need to translate sentences or a short passage from Spanish into English. * **Writing.** In the foundation paper you will write about a photo, write a short passage and write a longer passage on one of a choice of two topics. In the higher paper you will write longer passages about two topics from a choice of four. At both levels there is also a translation exercise, from English into Spanish. * **Speaking.** In this part of the exam you will do a short role play with the examiner and talk about a photo. You will also talk about two of the topics you have studied. |

**Will this course suit me?**

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| This course builds on the ideas seen at KS3 and will suit all students. The new GCSE has been developed to help students of all abilities progress and develop a passion for languages, through culturally engaging content. |

**What could this course lead to?**

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| People with language skills and knowledge are highly thought of in the modern world. Here are just some of the advantages:   * Stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons! * Attract more interest from employers and university courses who are looking for young people who have gained a qualification in MFL * Have much more fun when travelling to a French / Spanish speaking country * Be able to continue to study languages at AS and A2 level * Add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which will impress anyone who reads your CV * Be in a stronger position to get a job in companies with international links or to work abroad. * Feel confident about communicating in a foreign language when travelling. The language learning skills you learn over the 2 years will provide you with the foundations which you can apply to learning other languages |