



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM GUIDE

SPANISH

OCR

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least grade 7 in GCSE Spanish.



"I chose A Level Spanish because I enjoy learning languages and love Spain. It is much more wide ranging than GCSE and your language really improves. It really sets you apart from other applicants when applying for jobs or university."

Spanish is the fourth most spoken language in the world and the second most important one in international communication.

Spain plays a major role in the EC and is one of Britain's most important trading partners.

WHY LEARN SPANISH AT A LEVEL?

Surveys indicate that language students and graduates are highly sought after in the current climate. Employers need staff who can communicate effectively and show attention to detail, as well as having the specialist ability to deal with overseas contacts in their native tongue. The course trains students to present a coherent argument, use evidence correctly and succinctly, empathise with others and use advanced level thinking skills to find solutions - in short, all skills which lend themselves to working in, and managing, a successful team.

"Originally I found the lessons difficult, but I soon got used to the idea of revising grammar and learning vocabulary, pushing far beyond GCSE, I'm making real progress."

Language skills are in demand and can be used in almost any career, particularly in businesses that trade internationally. Spanish is a very highly regarded 'facilitating subject' which means that it leaves open a wide range of options for university study.

The Spanish department organises a range of extra-curricular events such as theatre visits and also encourages students to undertake a work experience placement in Spain.

- Do you enjoy finding out about other cultures?
- Would you like to undertake some work experience in Spain?
- Do you like debating and finding out about political and social affairs?
- Do you enjoy the challenges presented by manipulating grammar?
- Do you have an interest in working or studying abroad?

If so, Spanish at NGHS will be an excellent A level option for you! You will be taught for 5 hours a week by two experienced and specialist teachers. You will also have the opportunity to have weekly conversation classes with our native language assistant to perfect your pronunciation.

Students will develop knowledge and understanding, through the language of study, of aspects of the society, culture and history of the country or countries where Spanish is spoken, studying one theme at AS and two themes at A level from each of the following areas of interest:

- Social issues and phenomena
- Politics, current affairs and history
- In addition, at AS students will study 1 book or film
- A2 students will study another book or film (2 books or 1 book and 1 film in total)
- In addition, students will also be carrying out an Individual Research project

Here are some of the comments made by Year 12 students after their first year studying Spanish:

"Studying Spanish at A level has really boosted my confidence."



"It was excellent to be able to speak Spanish with my exchange partner and her family when we went on our school exchange to Tenerife!"

"I definitely recommend choosing a language at post 16 if you want an exciting and worthwhile course which equips you with some really useful skills."

Click here to watch the course introductory video from Head of Spanish, Mrs Cath Pilling

In order to join us in the Sixth Form, we require an average of grade 6 across eight GCSE subjects, including English and Mathematics. See individual subjects for any specific requirements for study at A Level.

For detailed course information on all of the A Level subjects please visit the AQA, Edexcel or OCR websites.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the admissions process, please call 0115 935 4444 or email admissions@not.gdst.net



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