

‘The Aspiring Spanish Linguist.’

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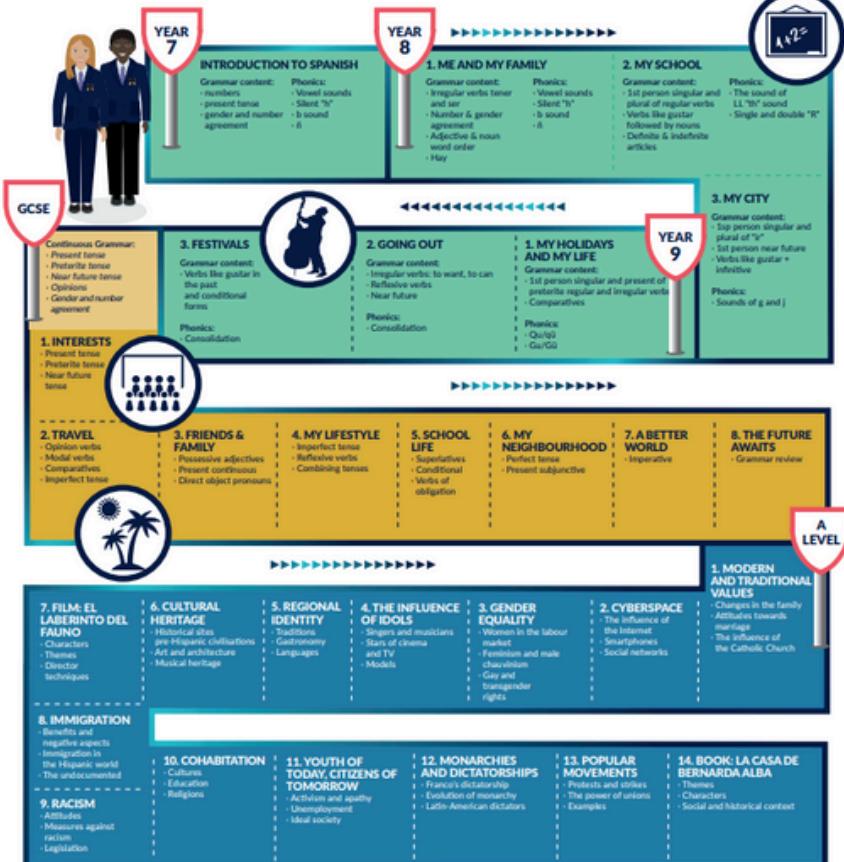


Inspiring lives through learning

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Welcome to the Aspiring Spanish Language Pathway.

Studying Spanish is a fantastic choice because it opens doors to a wide range of opportunities, both academically and professionally. Spanish is spoken in more than 20 countries, and it is the second most widely spoken language in the world.

Possible careers include translating and interpreting, journalism, law, publishing, museum curator or working for an international company.

To improve your Spanish we recommend that you try:

- Immersing yourself in Spanish through films, TV series and books
- Participating in language competitions or cultural events
- Reading graded books in Spanish
- Completing an EPQ related to Spanish language or culture.

Good luck! If you have any questions, please come and find me in the K Block.

Mrs T Avila | Head of Spanish

Reading list



Graded Readers are books written specially for language students. They use high-frequency vocabulary to help you learn faster and move to more complex texts sooner. All of these are either in the Library or available from Mrs Avila.

Beginner:

- *El sueño de Jorge*. Cristina Bartolomé Martínez
- *En busca del amigo desaparecido*. Maureen Simpson
- *Colegas*. Raquel García Prieto

Intermediate:

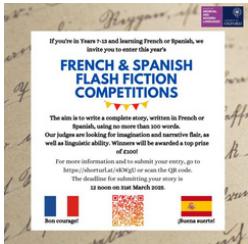
- *El Diario de Val*. Mary Flannagan
- *El Monstruo del Rock*. Elvira Sancho
- *EL Trimestre Maldito*. Elvira Sancho
- *Los turistas del tiempo: El genio del Sur*. Pedro Aníbal García Jerez

Upper intermediate:

- *Vecinos imposibles*. Cecilia Pisos
- *La Banda Menguante*. David Blasco Laserna
- *Un mundo fantástico*. Javier Navarro



Competitions



Spanish Flash Fiction Competition |

University of Oxford

Annual competition for secondary students. To enter write a short story (100 words) in Spanish. Speak with Mrs Avila to take part.

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators | University of Oxford



Annual translation competition of fiction and non-fiction texts. Speak with Mrs Avila to take part.



Stephen Spender Poetry Prize

Competition. Annual poetry translation competition. The rules are simple: translate into English any poem from any language, and produce an accompanying creative response for your chance to join the Stephen Spender Prize hall of eternal fame! Speak with Mrs Avila to take part.

Listen and Watch



Podcasts



News in Slow Spanish

Daily news available in three levels of difficulty (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced) with an interactive transcript to follow along.



Unlimited Spanish with Oscar

Stories about a whole variety of subjects, adapted for students. Listen with the transcript.

⌚ NOTES IN SPANISH



Notes in Spanish

Ben and Marina bring you real Spanish conversations on real-world topics, designed to help take your Spanish up to the next level. This is the genuine Spanish you will never find in a text book or classroom.

Intermediate



CoffeeBreak
Spanish

Coffee Break Spanish

Podcast "lessons" in four levels of difficulty. Each breaks down a grammar point or specific vocabulary.

Listen and Watch



Films/YouTube/TV



Watch series and films in Spanish, you can start with English subtitles and switch to Spanish subtitles later.



AQA, Spanish A level set films:

- *El laberinto del fauno*. Guillermo del Toro (2006)
- *Ocho apellidos vascos* Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2014)
- *María, llena eres de gracia* Joshua Marston (2004)
- *Volver* Pedro Almodóvar (2006)
- *Abel* Diego Luna (2010)
- *Las 13 rosas* Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2007)



Series:

Elite. Series (Netflix)

This show is set in Las Encinas, a fictional elite high school which caters to privileged and wealthy teenagers.



El internado: Las Cumbres (Amazon Prime)

The fiction takes place in a boarding school for troubled teenagers located in an ancient monastery isolated from the world.

YouTube:

Dreaming Spanish

Interesting and fun ideas covering a whole range of topics, using only Spanish to communicate. They speak clearly and use lots of aids to make the language comprehensible.



Listen and Watch



Social media



@Spanishteacher madrid

Fun videos covering vocabulary and grammar.

@holamydailyspanish

Short grammar and vocabulary videos for beginners.



@Spanish.toons

Short cartoons in Spanish and English translations.



@Spanishwithpatry

Funny videos from a qualified teacher from Madrid

@michaelharperspanish

Videos in English giving very short lessons in Spanish.



@spainwithnick

Nick is from the USA and lives in Spain. He talks about his life in Spain and the cultural differences he finds.



@reubenlingo

Reuben is an Oxford University student who is learning 11 languages and talks about language learning and linguistics.

@lucasj_13

Lucas is a Scottish student living in Spain. He talks about learning Spanish and life in Spain.

Work Experience and Events



Work experience in Spanish gives you the chance to use the language in real situations and experience Spanish-speaking culture beyond the classroom. Whether you're learning how to communicate in a restaurant, developing listening and comprehension skills, or working abroad, these opportunities help you see how language skills apply in everyday life.

Spanish-related experiences can include:

- All work experience opportunities in Spain, giving you an excellent opportunity to practice every day Spanish.
- Food and hospitality in Spanish restaurants
- Work and study programmes abroad, including Work+Study for Teens or Blue Stamp Travel's work experience in Spain (costs may apply)
- Language schools, such as Inlingua Cheltenham, where Bournside students often secure placements.

These opportunities help build confidence, communication and cultural awareness, while strengthening applications for future study, travel or employment.

Good luck!

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Work Experience and Events



[Beginners' Spanish: Food and Drink | OpenLearn](#)

Do you want to improve your language skills and communicate more easily and effectively in Spanish? Perhaps you want to prepare for a work placement in a Spanish restaurant?



[Advanced Spanish: Art in Buenos Aires | OpenLearn](#)

Free course to help you develop your listening skills and extend your comprehension of spoken Spanish.



[Work+Study for Teens | Spanish Courses](#)

A year round programme for teens (16-19 years old) who are still at school and wishing to learn Spanish and develop vital first work experience whilst staying with a Spanish host family. Please note there is a cost associated with this programme.



[Mixed School Work Experience Abroad | Blue Stamp Travel](#)

Travel Work Experience in Spain - Our unique trips abroad for students looking to improve their language and transferable workplace skills. Please note there is a cost associated with this programme



[Santiago's Tapas | Spanish Restaurant](#)

A Spanish and Cuban restaurant in the heart of Cardiff offers a genuine Latin dining experience.



[Inlingua Cheltenham](#)

Each year a number of Bournside students are successful in securing a work placement at Inlingua



The Careers Team at Bournside deliver regular Inspire Breakfast Lectures. Open to students in Year 10 - 13, these business-focused breakfasts invite speakers from all corners of industry to share their professional experiences and valuable insights with Bournside students over breakfast; opening our eyes to the opportunities available across many industry sectors.

[Take a look at upcoming speakers and reserve your space here.](#)



