

Spanish Transition Work



Welcome to A-level Spanish! Spanish is a really rich and diverse subject and is about much more than just learning some vocabulary and grammar (although this does help). We follow AQA specification. The film is *Volver* and the book *Réquiem por un campesino español* (Sender). There is no expectation to watch or read these before September, but you might like to try watching another of Almodóvar's films to give you a feel for his work.

Below you will find a range of activities which will help to keep your Spanish active. They are all equally important, so try to dip into each activity during this time.

1. Improve your vocabulary by doing a little bit each day on Quizlet (join the A-level Spanish class on BurgateMFL). <https://quizlet.com/join/emz2Vgeg8>
2. Listen to Spanish-speaking radio / Spanish-speaking music charts to discover some Spanish-speaking groups / singers: <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/> <http://www.cadenadigital.com/> <http://www.discomusicradio.com/>
3. Summer headlines - have a look at some of the following newspaper and TV sites and pick out 3 that you find interesting or funny. <https://www.bbc.com/mundo> <https://www.20minutos.es/>
4. Research some Spanish celebrities using the internet. Find out some information about people who are regularly in the Spanish papers. <https://www.elle.com/es/> <https://www.diezminutos.es/> (there are actually some quite interesting articles here that have nothing to do with celebrities too!)
5. Listen to some of the songs and read the lyrics as you go. Sing along to your favourite. <https://lyricstraining.com/es/>
6. Grammar – work on your tenses. You should aim to learn regular verb endings for: present, preterite, imperfect, future, conditional. You should also know ser, estar, ir, hacer in all of these tenses. This website is useful if you get stuck <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmgrxyc>
7. Research Hispanic history and culture. See if you can answer any of the following questions through your research:
 - Who was Francisco Franco? How did he affect Spain? What is his legacy?
 - Prior to Covid-19 there was a lot of unrest in Venezuela, Chile and Ecuador. Research one of these countries – what was making people unhappy? What is the story behind it?
 - Cuba – who was Fidel Castro? Was he a hero or a villain?
 - Spain in the 1930s – what led to the Civil War? Do you think it could have been prevented?
 - Where in the world is Spanish spoken? Why? What languages were spoken there before the Spanish arrived? Look into a pre-Hispanic (pre-Columbian) civilization such as the Incas, Aztecs or Mayans – what was their culture like? Has it been preserved?