

Year 8 SPANISH

In Year 8, students are introduced to Spanish as their second foreign language. We build on the grammatical understanding students have of French to enable students to develop their linguistic knowledge at a faster pace. The end of year aims are that students can introduce themselves, express their opinions on hobbies and their lives at school and have an awareness of Hispanic culture.

Lessons include a variety of opportunities for students to acquire and apply language skills in listening, reading, speaking, writing and translating. Lessons are initially teacher-led and students are provided with opportunities to work in pairs or in groups or independently. Much lesson content is culturally based in order to enhance students' enjoyment and knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. Retrieval practice is evident in Brain In Gear activities at the start of every lesson and they are all linked to prior learning.

Year 8 Curriculum	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Topics	My life Introduction to the Spanish speaking world Introducing yourself Alphabet Describing your personality	My life Age and numbers up to 31 Siblings Pets Christmas in Spain	My free time Giving justified opinions Using 'ar' verbs in the present tense to discuss interests Describing the weather	My free time Sports Hobbies in different parts of the Spanish speaking world Easter in Spain	My school Differences between schooling in UK and Spain School subjects Giving justified opinions	My school Describing your school Breaktime activities Blogging about your life and schooling Summer cultural project
Grammar	Masculine and feminine definite articles	Adjectival agreement ser and tener basic forms	Use of infinitive verbs 'Complex' phrases which use 'hace'	Conjugation of regular -ar verbs in the present tense	Indefinite and definite articles with noun and adjectival agreements	-er and -ir verbs in the present tense

Assessment	Vocabulary tests	Vocabulary tests	Vocabulary tests	Vocabulary tests	Vocabulary tests	Vocabulary tests
	Mini-topic assessment	Mini-topic assessment	Mini-topic assessment	Mini-topic assessment	Mini-topic assessment	Mini-topic assessment
		End of unit assessment			End of unit assessment	End of unit assessment

Independent Work

Independent work is a vital part of becoming more proficient in Spanish. It may take several forms: learning vocabulary, ActiveLearn tasks online, preparing answers for an oral or written assessment, a worksheet, research, a presentation. Independent work will be set weekly.