

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 Identity	Autumn Term 2 Identity	Spring Term 1 Free time	Spring Term 2 Free time	Summer Term 1 Education	Summer Term 2 Education
<b>Topic(s)</b>	Greetings Name Birthday Nationality Personality.	Physical appearance. Family. Pets.	Hobbies. Likes. Comparing hobbies. Negatives. Stem changing verbs	<i>jugar</i> in the present tense. Irregular verbs <i>hacer</i> in the present tense Regular -ER present tense verbs.	School subjects Timetable Extracurricular activities School facilities	Vocabulary to use in the classroom. Regular -AR present tense verbs.
<b>Assessment</b>	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment End of unit assessment	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment End of unit assessment	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment	Vocabulary tests Mini-topic assessment End of unit assessment

Assessments are designed to test core knowledge and understanding of grammar. Phonics and vocabulary are also routinely assessed. Assessments will be carried out in writing, speaking, listening and reading.

### **Independent Work**

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