**Why study this subject?**
If you have a love of languages or travel and have studied Spanish successfully at GCSE then this is the course for you. It will open doors to university courses and give you the opportunity to study abroad whether you do a pure language course, dual honours or other academic subject at university. Graduates with languages degrees are highly sought after and often have an advantage when it comes to recruitment.

**What happens in lessons?**
Most of your lessons will take place in our sixth form languages study room. You’ll enjoy more time to practise and perfect your spoken Spanish and accent, to converse and debate with others. You will also develop your vocabulary and use it to translate more complex texts into Spanish/English.

**Course Assessment**
The course is assessed at the end of the second year with three papers testing the following skills:
- Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Translation into target language.
- Paper 2: Writing consisting of two essays, one on the film studied and another on the set text.
- Paper 3: Speaking, a photo card, independent research project and discussion.

Please discuss with your teacher if you want to pursue AS. The exams are slightly different.

**What to do afterwards**
An A Level in Spanish is an asset in your portfolio for your application to study many subjects at degree level. Many students choose to combine a language that they have already studied with a new language ab initio that they have always wanted to study but is not available at school. A dual honours course combining a language with another subject is also popular. Your A Level language will enable you to work or study abroad in the future. You may like to work or travel abroad after your A Levels – and knowledge of a foreign language can come in very handy for that!

**Reading around the subject**
It would be useful to have watched/read a selection of the films and books listed to give you an idea of what you would like to study for the film/literature part of the course. It will help you develop your listening and reading skills and broaden your vocabulary.

- **Films:** Volver; El laberinto del fauno; Ocho apellidos vascos; María, llena eres de gracia; Abel; Las 13 rosas
- **Books:** La casa de Bernarda Alba – Federico García Lorca; Como agua para chocolate – Laura Esquivel; Crónica de una muerte anunciada – Gabriel García Márquez;

Also, it’s a good idea to find opportunities to travel to Spain or Spanish-speaking countries and to read the Spanish press online.