



## Subject Spanish

### Curriculum vision

*The intention behind the Spanish curriculum here at Avonbourne Academies is for students leave us as confident, competent and creative communicators of Spanish with an appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity from around the world.*

*We have decided on the most effective sequencing of the most powerful knowledge that will empower students to master the Spanish language. We have done this by interleaving topics in KS3 so that language is never taught in isolation and links are always made between different topic areas where common language and structures are shared. As a result in KS4, students have a sound grounding in how to communicate in the past, present and future tenses, which we feel best prepares them to develop their understanding at a higher level.*

*We believe our students are able to achieve many important skills through their Spanish studies because our curriculum is built on a foundation of powerful knowledge. Our students are great problem solvers thanks to the study of Spanish grammar, which enables students to think both logically and creatively. Our students are resilient learners: they do not shy away from the fact that learning Spanish can be challenging. It is an academic subject that requires rigorous study to be able to achieve fluency and communication. Our students are confident: they never hesitate to ask and answer questions when an opportunity is presented to practise their language skills. Finally, our students are curious, and we foster that curiosity through the provision of clubs at KS3 and KS4 as well as our careers provision.*

*The Spanish curriculum at Avonbourne Academies allows students to progress over time as we are always drawing links between what has been previously taught when new language is presented. Numbers are taught in Year 7 when learning how to say your age but are returned to in Year 8 when asking about the price of food and clothes and again in Year 11 when discussing how you earn money through part-time work. Making connections is crucial when learning a new language, and our curriculum ensures that students are always thinking back to enable them to move forward in their mastery of the Spanish language.*

### Curriculum Overview

Term 1	Autumn 1	Why this? Why now?	Autumn 2	Why this? Why now?
Year 7	Unit 1: The Basics	Y7 students begin with an introduction to simple vocabulary, phonics and grammar to enable basic interactions in the classroom from the very first lesson. This links back to common classroom instructions and presenting personal information about themselves, which is language that will have been encountered in KS2.	Unit 1: The Basics	Y7 students develop their communication skills by studying how to express their likes and dislikes. Mastering how to give opinions is a common thread throughout KS3 and KS4 so it is important that we present this structure early on in Y7 to give students maximum practice time with this crucial language.
Year 8	Unit 5: Holidays	Y8 students are introduced to the past tense in Spanish to give an account of a past holiday. We begin Y8 with an introduction to the past tense as by the end of Y7, students will have been introduced to the present and the near future tenses and by the end of Y8, we want students to be able to communicate in three tenses.	Unit 5: Holidays	Y8 students describe their general holiday preferences therefore combining both past and present tenses this term. This gives students the opportunity to return to the formation of the present tense that they will have encountered in Y7 at the same time as strengthening their understanding and use of the past tense.



<b>Year 9</b>	Unit 9: Family and Relationships	Y9 students revisit family vocabulary at the start of Y9 and go further by describing family relationships that enables them to use reflexive verbs in the present tense. In Y7, students have already studied family members and descriptions, so the start of the unit asks students to retrieve this language before building on this previous knowledge with new grammar structures like reflexive verbs.	Unit 9: Free Time	Y9 students pick up the topic of free time this term. Students will have encountered most of this language in Y7 and Y8 where they expressed their preferences for their hobbies and holiday activities. However now that students are in Y9, the expectation is that students move beyond giving simple opinions about their free time and instead they are able to talk about their hobbies in the context of last weekend and next weekend, thereby communicating in three time frames.
<b>Year 10</b>	Module 1: Holidays and Travel	Y10 students begin the academic year with talking about their holiday preferences in three time frames. This is positioned at the start of the academic year so that students can use accounts of their actual holidays to inform their written and spoken work. This encourages students to be confident in communicating in three time frames, as this was the expectation at the end of Y9 and will be integral throughout KS4.	Module 1: Holidays and Travel	Y10 students continue with Module 1 this term by applying what they have learned in Autumn 1 to a full range of scenarios that cover all four skills: from role plays in a hotel to booking a reservation or reading a review of a disastrous holiday. Students have developed most holiday vocabulary in Y8, therefore we can move to honing their productive skills early on in Y10 and building their confidence in speaking Spanish.
<b>Year 11</b>	Module 6: Festivals and Celebrations	Y11 students recall their knowledge of Spanish festivals and celebrations from Y9 to be able to make more mature observations about the cultural differences between Spain and the UK. Students will also observe religious differences between a range of festivals like Epiphany, Ramadan, Eid, Christmas and Easter. Cultural discussion here is just as valid as expression in the target language as in Y11, students need to be able to formulate their own ideas and narratives before translating them into the target language.	Module 6: Festivals and Celebrations	Y11 students complete Module 6 this term with a focus on daily routine and food. The topics of daily routine and food draw upon students' understanding of expressing numbers, quantities and reflexive verbs when describing their days. Students will have been exposed to numbers throughout their time with us, however expressing quantities will be new language. Therefore, students are always retrieving former knowledge from across the Key Stages as well as acquiring new language and structures.



Term 2	Spring 1	Why this? Why now?	Spring 2	Why this? Why now?
Year 7	Unit 2: My Family	Y7 students learn to describe themselves and others to be able to communicate about their personal lives. It is important to us that students are able to talk about themselves as we know that this motivates students to use the target language when they can make their spoken and written work personal to their real lives.	Unit 2: My Family	Y7 students develop their third person descriptions of their family and friends to show an awareness of adjectival agreement in Spanish. Adjectival agreement is an integral component of basic Spanish grammar that will run through all years of study, so it is important to introduce students to these structures in their first year of study with us because it applies to so many topic areas: family, pets, food, school subjects, jobs etc.
Year 8	Unit 6: Going Out, Staying In	Y8 students develop their ability to take part in transactional conversations by organising plans to go out to build up their confidence in speaking Spanish. We want students to practise their spoken interaction here because up until this point, their speaking has been mostly descriptive, or opinion based. Yet, being able to ask and answer questions to develop a genuine conversation provides a much more meaningful interaction and is a skill that is essential	Unit 7: Daily Routine and Fitness	Y8 students apply what they know about leading a healthy life by giving advice in Spanish using modal verbs. Modal verbs will be a new structure for Y8 to practise but they may have shown an awareness of this structure by listening to their teachers' classroom instructions in the target language. Students also enact a visit to the doctor to develop their confidence in their transactional conversations and pronunciation.
Year 9	Unit 10: Food	Y9 students explore food in Spanish-speaking countries and compare eating habits with the UK to gain an appreciation of cultural differences around the world. As a department, we also provide students with the opportunity to attend an after school cooking club during this term so that they can cook and taste traditional foods from Spain. Students will have touched lightly upon the topic of food in Y7 when talking about what they eat at break and also in Y8 when they talk about what they ate on holiday.	Unit 10: Festivals and Celebrations	Y9 students learn how Spain and Latin America celebrates special times of year differently to the UK to support the development of their cultural understanding and empathy. This term is full of videos and song to show students the reality of experiencing a festival like Las Fallas or La Tomatina. We also use this term as an opportunity to focus on the geography of Spain and Latin America by using maps to improve students' understanding of their place in the world and how it fits alongside other cultures and nationalities.
Year 10	Module 2: Life at School and College	Y10 students continue with a topic that links back to familiar language from KS3: school. This enables students to have a confident start to their Spanish studies after the Christmas break because the language is simple to retrieve as it is full of many cognates for example, amongst the school subjects and facilities.	Module 3: Family and Relationships	Y10 students cover another familiar topic this term from KS3: family and relationships. Students build on the work they did in both Y7 and Y9 by exploring romantic relationships and the idea of marriage as well as retrieving knowledge about reflexive verbs and adjectival agreement to describe their family relationships too.
Year 11	Module 7: Jobs and Future Plans	Students explore jobs and future plans allowing them to make links to their real life choices happening at this point in the year. Therefore, conversations in the target language about A Level choices, working abroad and learning new skills through work experience are informed by their reality, which serves to make writing and speaking work much more detailed and mature compared to Y8 when students simply expressed the jobs their family members did.	Module 8: Social and Global Issues	In this module, students are taught about both environmental and social issues in their local area. Recycling, poverty, homelessness and charity work all require students to reflect on the issues in their local area as well as the global issues we face. Students will think about solutions to poverty, homelessness and litter to be able to share their hopes for a better world in the future.



Term 3	Summer 1	Why this? Why now?	Summer 2	Why this? Why now?
Year 7	Unit 3: School Subjects	Y7 students learn to talk about their school by expressing and justifying opinions on their subjects and teachers. The context of daily school life is another opportunity to discuss real life scenarios, just as discussing family and free time was too earlier in the year. By keeping the topics personal in Y7, we are able to continually revisit opinion + infinitive verb structures throughout the year, which is a key language component for Y7.	Unit 4: Where I Live	Y7 students describe their homes and towns and express what one can do in the local area to show they can use modal verbs such as se puede/se debe + infinitive verb. We introduce students to the near future tense so they are able to communicate in two time frames. This unit gives further opportunity for students to talk about their reality. It also allows us the opportunity to compare our own local area with cities in the Spanish speaking world, which we like to link to the upcoming summer holidays. Because not all students will travel abroad, we like to use this Unit as a chance to broaden students' cultural horizons by introducing them to other cities around Spain like Barcelona and Seville to compare them with the local area.
Year 8	Unit 8: School Life	Y8 students build on Unit 3 in Y7 to be able to talk in greater depth about their school experience by describing their school and explaining the changes they would make if they were in charge. This gives us the opportunity to introduce the conditional tense in more depth at this point in the year as we have drilled communication in the past, present and future for the entirety of the academic year.	Unit 8: Future Plans	Y8 students reflect on their futures at the end of the academic year by discussing the jobs their parents and carers do and what they would like to be in the future. The grammar at the end of Y8, the near future tense, echoes the grammar at the end of Y7 so students will see its application across more than one topic area and be able to manipulate the formation of this tense regardless of the unit of study.
Year 9	Unit 11: Exploring a French-Speaking Area	Y9 students have the opportunity to understand more about life in Barcelona: the geography, history and culture that makes it the cultural capital of the world. Students improve their cultural awareness of the world around them and what it might be like to visit a Spanish speaking country or city.	Unit 12: The World Around Us	At this point, students have developed their knowledge of French to be able to discuss responses to local environmental issues. We also feel that by talking about the area that we all live in and share, students have more of an investment in what they want to improve and what they are proud of in the local area. Making the topic matter personal in this way motivates students to participate in discussions about local issues and proposed solutions.
Year 10	Module 4: Free Time Activities	Y10 students have already had a lot of exposure to free time activities across KS3. In Y7, they talked about the sports they liked, in Y8 they talked about their favourite holiday activities and what they do when they go out with friends and in Y9 they talked about their free time in the past, present and future tenses. Therefore, in this Module, we focus on introducing more obscure vocabulary (la petanca, el ajedrez) as well as more cultural references to sports such as handball to make more cultural comparisons.	Module 5: Home and Local Area	Y10 students describe their home and local area this module. In Y9, students have already learned about how to describe where they live as well as what other areas around the Spanish speaking world look like and how they might be to visit. They start to use a fourth tense (the conditional) to talk about what their future homes would be like to expand their grammatical repertoire at this stage of the year, as the focus up until now has been securing those three time frames: past, present and future.
Year 11	Revision and Consolidation	In their final term with us, Y11 students will revisit key vocabulary, grammar and phonics that are common to all Modules they have been taught across KS4. Of the utmost importance is that Y11 finish their time with us confidently communicating in three-time frames in their spoken and written work as well as being able to comprehend written and aural forms of the Spanish language to understand and make themselves understood in a range of scenarios.		



### Extracurricular Opportunities (competitions, associations and clubs)

1. Russian Club: Thursdays after school with Mrs Karapetyan.
2. GCSE Spanish Booster Club: Wednesday after school with Mr Bever
3. DuoLingo: download the app on your phone to learn more French in your free time  
[Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language](#)
4. Foreign language drama: [Categories - World Drama - All 4 \(channel4.com\)](#)
5. Spanish language radio: [Spanish radio stations | Listen live & for free](#)
6. Instituto Cervantes [Home: Instituto Cervantes in London: language and culture from Spain and Latin America](#)
7. Competitions: [Routes into Languages | Promoting the take-up of languages and student mobility](#)
8. KS3 workbook: [Spanish Sentence Builders - A Lexicogrammar approach: Beginner to Pre-intermediate: 1 \(The Language Gym - Sentence Builder Books\): Amazon.co.uk: Conti, Dr Gianfranco, Viñales, Mr Dylan, Palacín, Miss Verónica: 9798635791806: Books](#)

### Revision Guides

1. [GCSE AQA Spanish: Vocabulary Revision Question Cards: perfect for exams and mocks in 2022 & 2023 \(CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision\): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781789084573: Books](#)
2. [GCSE Spanish AQA Exam Practice Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course \(includes Answers\): perfect for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams \(CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision\): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781782945475: Books](#)
3. [GCSE Spanish AQA Complete Revision & Practice \(with CD & Online Edition\) - Grade 9-1 Course: perfect for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams \(CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision\): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781782945482: Books](#)
4. [Grade 9-1 GCSE Spanish Translation Skills Workbook \(includes Answers\): ideal for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams \(CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision\): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781789080513: Books](#)
5. [GCSE Spanish AQA Exam Practice Workbook - for the Grade 9-1 Course \(includes Answers\): perfect for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams \(CGP GCSE Spanish 9-1 Revision\): Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books, CGP Books: 9781782945475: Books](#)
6. [Viva! AQA GCSE Spanish Grammar and Translation Workbook : Traynor, Tracy: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)

### Academic Reading

1. A reference book on memory and language learning [Memory: What Every Language Teacher Should Know: Amazon.co.uk: Smith, Steve, Conti, Dr Gianfranco, Jones, Prof Elspeth: 9798581810323: Books](#)
2. A reference book on listening in a foreign language [Breaking the Sound Barrier: Teaching Language Learners How to Listen : Conti, Gianfranco, Smith, Steve: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)