



ABINGDON

Spanish in 6th form

Why study Spanish?

- **Access** top universities. **Combines** very well with almost any university subject, including maths, science, law
- Develop **cultural awareness** and the ability to adapt to different cultures - essential soft skills in today's world
- **Stand out** when you apply for jobs as fewer school leavers or graduates have this valued skill
- Develop highly sought after **transferable skills** (communicative and collaborative skills, versatility, problem solving)

| Rank | Language |
|------|----------|
| 1 | Spanish |
| 2 | Mandarin |
| 3 | French |
| 4 | Arabic |
| 5 | German |

The 2019 British Council report named **Spanish the most important language for British students to learn**, based on a study that looked at:

- Current UK exports
- The language needs of UK business
- Future trade priorities (incl post-Brexit)
- Emerging high growth markets
- Diplomatic and security priorities
- Outward and inward tourism
- Levels of English proficiency in other countries

Why AQA A Level Spanish?

- **Very well regarded board with accessible materials and a graduated approach**
- **Preparation for university** - independent study and research, oral lessons with native speaker
- **An Interesting world away from IGCSE with the study of contemporary and cultural aspects** of both Spain and Latin America: the issues facing young people, role of media, equality and identity, the arts, other current affairs. Study of a film (*El laberinto del fauno*) and a play/film (*Las bicicletas son para el verano*)
- **Range of skills** - listening, reading, writing (essays, translation, summaries) speaking, analysis and debate

Why at Abingdon?

- **Excellent department** team
- Many years of success at Sixth Form (**over 90% A*-A in last 5 years**)
- **Exciting extra-curricular offering**: annual study trip (Valencia), cinema and theatre trips, lectures, competitions (debating, Olympiads), tapas nights

After Abingdon...

- **Access to top level institutions** - Durham, Bristol, Edinburgh (four at Oxbridge in the last 4 years)
- **Careers recent leavers have gone on to** - Publications coordinator, British Chamber of Commerce, Chile;
- Senior sports writer, Argentina; Investment Banker; Intern, European Commission in Brussels; Senior Sales Engineer Manager, cyber security industry; E-Commerce strategy manager; Diplomatic service

Recent quotes from leavers, taken from their thank you letters...

"I can honestly say that I have enjoyed Spanish lessons more than any other subject".

"Sixth Form has been the best two years I've had at school. Spanish has been the lifeblood of this love".

"I have had so much fun in our Spanish lessons, something I never thought a few years ago that I would write about any subject!".

"The limits of my language are the limits of my world." – **Ludwig Wittgenstein**
 "To learn a language is to live again" – **French proverb**