

Overview of Year 9 Spanish Curriculum

There are 6 modules of work taught in Spanish in Year 9, two per term. Pupils successfully completing the Year 9 course will be awarded the "Entry Level Certificate" accredited by the AQA Examining Board.

Module 1: Pupils can talk about themselves, their families, their homes, their city and the areas where they live.

Module 2: Pupils can describe in detail their school, the subjects they study, their timetable, any extra-curricular activities they can do at school, and finally, their daily routine.

Module 3: Pupils learn to talk about their holidays, they learn to book a table at a restaurant and order a meal, they ask for tourist information and they use the past tense to describe a recent holiday.

Module 4: Pupils learn how to ask for travel information, they can find their way in a train station and they can buy tickets. They learn how to describe what has happened to them after breaking down and after having a crash.

Module 5: Pupils learn to say that they are ill and they describe exactly what is wrong. They can describe what has happened and they can take and give advice. Pupils learn how to book a room at a hotel or campsite and learn to complain about these facilities.

Module 6: Pupils learn to describe what they do to help at home, they talk about how they spend their money and if they have a part-time job.

Homework

Homework is set each week. The type of homework set varies. In Year 9 homework can be a reading comprehension task, a piece of writing or vocabulary-learning.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed continuously in their foreign-language learning and parents are regularly informed of their son's progress. In Year 9 pupils often assess their own work, particularly in speaking and writing, to help them become more independent in their learning. Pupils are assessed in listening, speaking, reading and writing in line with the National Curriculum levels. By the end of Year 9, most pupils will be working between Levels 3-5.

Pupils are tested at the end of each module of work and they should bring home a review sheet after each test for you to read and comment on. Additionally six key pieces of work are marked in detail, highlighting strengths weaknesses and suggesting ways for pupils to improve.

How Parents can help

- Check that homework is recorded in your son's planner
- Check that his written homework is completed
- Help him with his learning homework or revision by testing him. Even if you don't understand Spanish you will be able to work out to what extent your son has tried to learn his words!
- Provide him with a Spanish dictionary to help with homework - one that is small enough to bring to lessons would be even better
- Check that your son has at least a pen and his books for lessons