



# Spanish

## Why should I choose to study GCSE Spanish?

Did you know, there are more than 400 million native speakers of Spanish worldwide, making Spanish the second most spoken language after Mandarin Chinese? Did you know that Spanish is the second most used language in international communication, after English?

This course will give you the ability and confidence to understand and communicate in spoken and written Spanish and will prepare you for further study at A level. Over the two-year course you will continue to build on the skills you have already acquired in listening, reading, speaking and writing.

## What will I learn about?

The following topics are studied during the course:

- Leisure and technology
- Home and environment
- Work and education
- Lifestyle and social issues
- Family and friends

Even though the course is of a practical and useful nature, GCSE students will also acquire a sound knowledge and understanding of Spanish grammar.

## How will my work be assessed?

Each of the four skill areas will be allocated 25% of the final mark. You will be entered for all papers at either Foundation or Higher Tier.

## What courses could I go on to study?

Languages at GCSE provide a real kick-start to learning a second or a third foreign language in later life and if taken as an 'elective', as is often the possibility with many university courses. Languages at GCSE provide a firm foundation for study at A level.

## What jobs can this qualification lead to?

Increasingly languages are becoming more valued, remunerated, and needed in the job market and they provide a valued and sought-after skillset. Apart from the direct use of languages in teaching, translating and interpreting it is a valued support skill and can often open doors to jobs and careers involving travel, hospitality and all aspects of international commerce.

## Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about Spanish please speak to Mrs Robinson, Curriculum Area Leader: Languages or Mrs Morris, Second in Department: Languages or contact [options@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:options@penistone-gs.uk).