

## Year 9 & GCSE Spanish at Woodbridge High School

### What will I do in Year 9 Spanish.

In Year 9 Spanish, you will build on the knowledge and skills gained in Year 7 and Year 8 to enable you to communicate even more detailed and complex information in Spanish, which will produce a very good basis for continuing to study Spanish at GCSE. You will consolidate key grammatical structures already learnt in addition to learning new and more complex structures which will enable you to express a wider range of ideas. You will also learn new vocabulary which will enable you to discuss a wider range of themes, including future career plans, living a healthy lifestyle, and global issues. You will also increase your knowledge of the society and culture of Spanish-speaking countries by studying a range of authentic resources.

### Key Points for GCSE Spanish.

4 parts to exam. All worth equal marks:

- 1) Listening – 25%
- 2) Speaking – 25%
- 3) Reading/Understanding -25%
- 4) Writing – 25%

All take place towards end of Year 11.



### What will I do in lessons?

Lessons are designed to ensure you develop your communicative skills in the language to enable you to achieve your best possible grade. We put a strong emphasis on developing your spontaneity, complexity and accuracy in the language, as well as your comprehension abilities, as these are skills needed for both the GCSE examination and for using the language in real-life. You will also be given lots of opportunities to practise the four skills required for the exam, in addition to lots of activities designed to help you acquire, practise and consolidate vocabulary and grammar.

A key aspect of learning a language, regardless of whether you are preparing for an examination or not, is independent work. To this aim, you will complete independent work

using interactive online vocabulary resources such as Memrise or Quizlet as well as completing a range of independent home-learning activities to practice and consolidate the skills and knowledge learnt in lessons.

### **Can I really use languages in the future?**

Of course! There are a wide range of job opportunities with languages in a huge range of careers. Just search using the language as a keyword on a recruitment site and you will see a range of jobs in diverse areas as accounting, finance, science, technology, law, marketing and sales. In fact, whatever career you are planning on, knowledge of a language will be a huge asset!

### **Should I choose two languages?**

Woodbridge High School is one of the very few state schools where you can do two languages at GCSE. This is very valuable when applying to competitive universities & looks very good on your CV. Being able to speak two languages will be a huge benefit to a wide range of careers!

### **Will doing two languages be difficult?**

No! The more experience you have learning languages, the easier it becomes. So, learning two languages will mean you develop excellent language learning skills. Furthermore, the two languages you will study are very different (e.g. French/Spanish & German/Russian), meaning you will not get confused easily.

For more information on studying for a GCSE in MFL, watch our video available [here](#).

