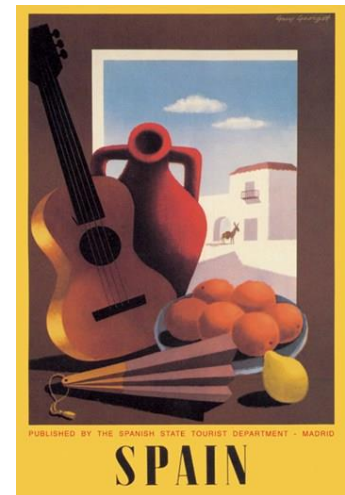


Spanish Bridging Work

The Spanish Language

Before moving on to studying Spanish in the Sixth Form in September, ensure that your knowledge of GCSE grammar is secure. To this purpose, **please complete the attached grammar exercises and bring the answers with you on your first week of the new term.** Additionally, to keep your Spanish language skills sharp, we recommend that you do at least one of the suggestions below.

- **Practise your grammar and tenses** by completing exercises on www.languagesonline.org.uk , www.oyelanguageskills.co.uk , www.ver-taal.com or any other Spanish language learning website. (There are many).
- **Find a Spanish song** that you like, study the words and learn and practise pronunciation through singing it. We recommend artists such as La Oreja de Van Gogh, Juanes o Rosalía.
- **Read the news** about the Spanish speaking world on www.bbcmundo.com .Visit the site regularly to decipher the headlines and read the first lines of any articles you find interesting.
- **Watch/listen the Spanish news** in 10 minutes on YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR-4NDFsYNk> or in this website <https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/>



The Spanish speaking world

You could also start to familiarise yourself with Spain and Latin America by doing any of the following:



- Find out about a **festival** that is celebrated in the Hispanic world: its origins, evolution, typical food and costumes, etc. Suggestions are La Tomatina, Las Fallas de Valencia, La Feria de Abril, La Semana Santa de Sevilla, etc
- Research a Hispanic **dance**: flamenco, sevillana, tango, sardana, salsa, etc- its origins, music, instruments, costume, etc
- Read a novel set in Spain. George Orwell (***Homage to Catalonia***) and Laurie Lee both wrote of their experiences in the Spanish Civil War or read ***The Shadow of the Wind*** by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

- If you are interested in Art, research a Hispanic **artist** (Picasso, Dalí, Miró, Gaudi, Frida Kahlo) or read Picasso's War by Russell Martin about the painting of '**Guernica**'.



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A Level Spanish (Edexcel)

Subject Knowledge: Themes and Sub-Themes

Familiarise yourself with the topics you are going to study in year 12.

Translate the themes and add at least 3 Spanish words for each subtopic.

Theme 1: La evolución de la sociedad española

Sub themes	Topic specific words
Unit 1: Los cambios en la estructura familiar	
Diversidad en los modelos de familia	
¿Vivir juntos o casarse?	
El casado casa quiere	
Unit 2: El mundo laboral	
Jóvenes con ganas de trabajar	
Ojalá me renueven el contrato...	
Mujeres que hacen malabarismos	
Unit 3: El impacto turístico en España	
El gigante turístico se transforma... 50 años de cambios	
Turismo, ¿todos ganamos?	
Lo que nos ha dejado el turismo...	

Theme 2: La cultura en el mundo de habla española

Sub-themes	Topic specific words
Unit 4: La música	
El papel de los cantantes y los músicos	
La guitarra española: música popular y clásica	
La evolución del tango en Argentina y Uruguay	
Unit 5: Los medios de comunicación	
Televisión, telebasura, telenovelas y teleadictos	
La prensa ha muerto... ¡Viva la prensa!	
¡Sígueme en Facebook!	
Unit 6: El papel de las costumbres y las tradiciones	
La importancia de las tradiciones gastronómicas en España y en Latinoamérica	
¡Vamos de fiesta... o de carnaval!	
Fiestas religiosas en España: ¿espectáculos sagrados o excusas para ir de marcha?	

Extra: think about and research some of these themes. Can you think of advantages or disadvantages connected with them? Can you think of your own opinions about the findings? How would you go about expressing these opinions in Spanish? Compile a list of opinion phrases to express what you think.