

Why study A Level Spanish at Tarporley Sixth Form?



- Miss Pizzuto
- BA (Hons)
- Studied Spanish and Italian at Durham University
- Favourite Spanish city: Salamanca (UNESCO World Heritage site)



- Miss Wainwright
- MA (Hons)
- M (Res)
- Studied Spanish at St Andrews University and Liverpool University
- Favourite Spanish city: Toledo

Why we love teaching A Level:

At A Level, we really get to share with our students our love of Spain and Spanish. Our studies take us on a journey into the Spanish language and culture: art, literature, film, music, politics and society. It is a pleasure and a privilege to see our students grow into confident young linguists who are well equipped for the demands of higher study and appreciative of the rich diversity of contemporary Spain and the Spanish speaking world.



Why not visit the Instituto Cervantes in Manchester to check out their many cultural activities? From Flamenco dancing to film evenings and book clubs!

Where could Spanish take me?

Our students went on to read:

- Olivia – Spanish and Portuguese at University of Oxford
- Ben – Languages with International Business at Sheffield Hallam University
- Caoimhe – Business with Spanish at University of Newcastle
- Lydia - Modern Languages with a year abroad at University of Birmingham
- Poppi - French and Spanish at University of York
- Olivia - French and Hispanic Studies at University of Sheffield

"It is so important to take languages as an English person because so few do. It will instantly open your perspectives on society, law and order, religion and more, which easily makes you a more rounded person. Also, A level Spanish is such a complementary subject because it delves into history, literature, culture, art and politics. This means it gives you a fantastic base to look at life because you have already been exposed to such diverse topics. Furthermore, the Spanish speaking world is such a changing, vibrant space on earth that you could never truly be bored taking A level Spanish (there will always be an ousted government or social protest happening!) Particularly here at Tarporley, you get a great advantage of small class sizes, so that you are always talking in the target language, which means that your speaking constantly improves."

OLIVIA: studying Spanish and Portuguese at Oxford University

Studying Spanish at A-Level was one of the best choices I've made so far in my life. With no GCSE to fall back on, I worked hard through Sixth Form and fell in love with the language - so much so that I'm now studying Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Sheffield and I'm spending this year living in both Salamanca in Spain, and Lisbon in Portugal. Speaking another language is an incredible skill to have because it not only allows you to communicate with so many other people, but it also completely alters the way you see the world, in the best way. After my degree, I hope to study Law and eventually become a solicitor in an international law firm, where my language skills will allow me to work with people all over the world. The possibilities languages give you are endless, and A-Level Spanish at Tarporley will give you the perfect foundation from which you can explore them all. Studying Spanish is not a choice you will ever regret!

OLIVIA: studying Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Sheffield

As someone who came into A-level Spanish rather fearfully, I was incredibly surprised to find the gap between A-level and GCSE quite seamless. The relationship between student and teacher is really positive, and they strive to ensure that you do as well as possible. Furthermore, alongside my mathematical-based subjects, taking Spanish has benefitted me academically, as it has given me a break from crunching numbers and it has allowed me to immerse myself in Spanish culture. I would definitely recommend A-Level Spanish to anyone, especially boys who are undecided on what to choose to compliment their other subjects!

Spencer: current Year 13 student

Studying A-level Spanish has always been a thoroughly enjoyable experience for me. The course has a fairly seamless transition from GCSE level. There's no need to worry about the step up to A-level. A range of social and political issues in both Spain and South America are covered, as well as learning the language itself. A massive benefit has been studying in a small class that is full of energy; a learning environment in which your ability to converse in Spanish can improve massively.

Joe: current Year 13 student

Spanish is a brilliant subject to combine with other disciplines, like Law or Business, and it allows you to expand your career choices beyond the UK. The core skills of a linguist are transferrable and extremely desirable: communication skills, problem solving and adaptability!