

Y11 work over summer before joining AGS in Y12

A Grammar

It is important that you join Y12 with a firm understanding of Spanish grammar at GCSE. We thoroughly recommend that you go on to www.languagesonline.org.uk. This is an excellent and widely-used site for learners of Spanish. Click on Spanish and then Grammar Units and work through the following links so that you have a firm basis of how the language works. You don't have to do all the many activities under each heading but it is important to consolidate your understanding. Perhaps focus on those particular grammar points that you have difficulty with at GCSE. So 'dip in' or do in depth according to your particular needs.

- The Present Tense
- The Present Tense 2 (El presente regular e irregular)
- The Present Continuous
- The Perfect Tense
- The Future Tense
- The Preterite
- The Preterite 2 (El pretérito y el pretérito grave)
- The Imperfect Tense
- The Conditional Tense
- Ser / Estar
- Ser
- Soler / Poder
- Ir / Dar
- Adverbs
- Time Phrases
- Examination Rubrics and Instructions
- Ordinal Numbers

B Reading

It is important too that you get used to (and keep up the habit of) reading extensively in Spanish so that you are prepared for the step-up to AS Spanish. In order to establish a healthy discipline for Y12, we suggest that you keep a log of your reading over the holiday. Just browse the Spanish TV / press sites on the Internet and record what you have read. Sometimes it is helpful if you know the context/ content of the article (e.g. a film you have seen or a familiar sporting /cultural /news event) and then see how it is explained on a Spanish website.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/onlinenews.shtml>

<http://elpais.com/>

<http://www.elmundo.es/>

<http://mx.hola.com/>

<http://es.news.yahoo.com/>

A pro-forma is attached for you to download and fill in. Perhaps an article or two each week will help – the articles don't have to be long.

Please get into the habit of logging your reading. We will be checking in September to see how your reading has gone.

C Listening

It is important too that you get used to (and keep up the habit of) listening extensively in Spanish so that you are prepared for the step-up to AS Spanish. In order to establish a healthy discipline for Y12, we suggest that you keep a log of your listening over the holiday. If you can get to Spain or a Spanish-speaking country, great – but this is not always possible. You could listen to a Spanish news programme on the radio but they tend to speak fast. So how about a Spanish film – with sub-titles or listening to Spanish songs? Try the following sites for songs and exercises:

<http://www.ver-taal.com/canciones.htm>

<http://www.rtve.es/>

D Writing

Finally, **writing**. We want you to write an essay of 200-250 words. You should hand this in together with your reading/listening log on your first day.

Title: ¿Es bueno o malo ver la televisión?

We expect to see the following:

- Varied vocabulary, using and extended vocabulary
- Evidence of use of dictionary
- Variety of construction and sentence structure, writing more complex sentences

- Plenty of opinions / reasons / justifications / anecdotes
- Complex grammar points – e.g. 2 verbs in a sentence
- Good structure: At least 3/4 paragraphs, with an introduction and a conclusion

NO GOOGLE TRANSLATOR please – you won't be processing the language if you do use this site and it won't do anybody any favours in the long run. On-line dictionaries for looking up the odd word or two – yes, of course but not whole chunks of language.

¡Buena suerte y que lo paséis bien!