



Curriculum Statement

Spanish GCSE:

Our Key Stage 4 pupils follow the AQA specification for Spanish. To ensure pupils are fully equipped for the AQA examinations, over the course of Year 9, Year 10 and 11 in Spanish, pupils will cover three distinct themes. The exam board was selected because the required skills are explicit and can be easily communicated to students, which are also transferable to other subjects. Assessment is based upon AQA specimen and past exam papers and is reported using the AQA grade boundaries from the previous year.

Pupils study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Assessment

Pupils are assessed every half term, in order to ensure, that they make good progress in this subject. This is done informally during the lessons in order to evaluate what the students have learned. Assessment is carried out in four key areas:

- Listening and responding
- Speaking
- Reading, responding and translating.
- Written work, images and translation.

Pupils at Thornaby Academy will be provided with a Kerboodle login which gives them access to all vocabulary lists, grammar, readings, listening practice speaking preparation and writing skills necessary for their GCSE.

Curriculum Intent:

We aspire to expose our pupils to a broad and ambitious Modern Languages curriculum, which is rich in skills and knowledge, develops self-efficacy, kindles curiosity and promotes diversity and tolerance of other cultures. Our Modern Languages curriculum will give pupils the opportunity to:

- use language skills, receptively and productively, for communication in the real world, for practical purposes, for their immediate needs, interests and beyond and to express and justify opinions
- develop their confidence and autonomy to access new and unfamiliar language through the use of decoding skills brought about by the explicit teaching of phonics and sound patterns
- work towards becoming a fluent and spontaneous speaker of the foreign language