

Spanish AS Level Summer Preparation

Congratulations on choosing to study a language at AS level at John Kyrle High School and Sixth Form Centre. The best way to prepare yourself is to ensure that you have a firm grasp of the language and skills which you have already used at GCSE level. Thorough revision of these over the summer will make you more confident when you start the course in September and prepare you for a more independent approach to learning. You will need to be proactive in completing this introduction to Spanish by September. Do not leave it until the last week as language development happens overtime and not overnight.

Summer Preparation Task Booklet



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How to prepare for Spanish at AS level:

You have a few weeks in which to really prepare for your AS in Spanish. The leap from GCSE to AS level is significant. This booklet contains links to a range of media, most of which is available free online as well as tasks to complete before September. In order to keep pace, it is vital that you work through the tasks. Little and often is better than cramming! Try to build some of them into your daily routine.....

Watch..... Television

Watch the latest news in Spanish:

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

Information and news channels also on: <http://www.rtve.es/>

<http://www.bbc.com/mundo/topics/4063f80f-cccc-44c8-9449-5ca44e4c8592> also gives sports and other information.

You can also access the TV using:

- Your own TV. If you get Euronews, you can put it into Spanish by pressing the red button.
- BBC website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education> Select England GCSE and scroll down until you find Modern Foreign Languages. Behind both the Speaking and Listening tabs there are loads of videos to watch that only last a few minutes and they are a great way to practise your listening skills.

Listen to the radio:

The great thing about listening to the radio is that you can get on with something else at the same time. Listen by going to <http://www.listenlive.eu/spain.html> or

<http://www.spanishsteps.co.uk/radio/>

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

<https://uk.pinterest.com/meetspanish/video-learn-spanish/>

You may be able to find other radio / streaming sites – make a note of any good ones you find.

Memrise

Students who use Memrise regularly tend to access the exams far easier than those who do not.

Please go to Memrise – create an account if you do not have one.

Search jkhssal and then you will see 12 sp. All of the modules for year 12 Spanish are on there. Get a huge head start by getting as many points as possible. This will be your best friend in year 12 at is has all of the vocabulary currently stipulated by the exam boards (even though they are within their rights to go outside of this vocabulary). You will find the transition into A level easier with the use of Memrise. I will be checking leader boards regularly over the summer.

Topics will be added over the summer to help you!

The screenshot shows the Memrise website interface for the 'jkhssal 12sp' course. The navigation bar includes 'memrise', 'Home', 'Courses', 'Groups', and 'Go Pro'. The course page features a chalkboard graphic with 'HABLA ESPAÑOL?' and a 'Start learning' button. Below the header, there is a 'Levels (9)' button and a grid of 9 topic cards. Each card has a 'Ready to learn' button and a topic name. To the right of the grid is a 'Leaderboard' section with a filter for 'Week', 'Month', and 'All Time', and a list of users with their scores.

Rank	User	Score
1	gibosticco	1,609
2	edross5	0
3	jemclarkee	0
4	2011ningled...	0
5	ellathomas-...	0
6	OliviaDavies...	0
7	jimh77	0
8	niamhcrofts	0
9	Emma.Blake.x	0

Grammar practice

1. Go to this website - <http://www.mflresources.org.uk/spanish.htm>

You will be able to see grammar topics needed for the end of GCSE. You will see Powerpoints and Word documents attached to show you exactly what you need for each tense etc. Work your way through these creating notes ready for September. Verb tables will be really useful next year.

2. Go to <http://studyspanish.com/grammar/lessons/dopro2>

This website has a breakdown of topics on the left hand side. Fine one you are not so confident on, make notes, and test yourself on a mini-quiz!

3. <https://121spanish.com/spanish-grammar>

This website is split into beginner and advanced/intermediate. Try the advanced/intermediate topics, and use the exercises to test yourself.

Reading practice

There are many reading activities you can do in preparation for September as well. Please create a file of everything you do over the summer ready to discuss in September:

- Try the advanced level readings:
<http://www.learnpracticalspanishonline.com/advanced/advanced-level.html>
- Try level 5/6: <https://nationalspanishexam.org/index.php/exam-preparation/online-practice-exercises>
- A variety of free reading passages. Look up all the vocab you don't know!
<http://www.spanish.cl/reading.htm>