

A-Level Preparation into the Sixth Form 2025

Spanish

Learning a language is not just about learning vocabulary and grammar, it is also about the whole cultural experience! Therefore, in order to give you a better cultural knowledge of your languages and also develop your independent study skills, you will have to create a scrapbook over the summer holiday.

You will have to show your scrapbook to your classmates and your teacher in the 1st lesson back in September.

Explore and investigate!

You need to be curious, so include newspaper or magazine cuttings on anything you find which concerns the language and countries you are going to study. Your GCSE topics were mainly limited to personal matters and experiences. The next step is to try to develop a broader knowledge of the target language countries' society, government, history, fashion, art, literature, music, lifestyle and customs.

The Internet makes the world a very small place and enables you to gain an excellent insight into other cultures and access information quickly and easily.

Read!

Include articles (printed or photocopied, then annotated by you) from Spanish and Latin American newspapers and magazines – you can find some in local libraries, newsagents or online. You can also include information from guide books to gain an understanding of topics such as the geography, main cities and towns, culture and food.

Listen!

Tune in to radio broadcasts and music from the country whose language you are studying. This will not only sharpen up your listening skills, but you will hear names of people who are important. Remember to make notes in your scrapbook, so we can check the listening activities you undertook.

Watch!

It is compulsory for you to buy a copy of Guillermo Del Toro's "El laberinto del fauno" and watch it before you start YR 12.

You should also watch television programmes and films in the target language. The BBC website has links to online programmes in a wide range of languages. Again remember we must see some kind of proof in your scrapbook.
