Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form: Transition Pack

Welcome to the Spanish Department

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Sixth Form.

This Transition Pack contains information to support your transition from GCSE to A Level study.

Please read all the documents ready to begin Year 12:

1. Spanish Introductory Tasks
2. An Independent Learning sheet for Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
3. Useful websites for Spanish

- ✓ **Read the Subject Information Sheet** which is available here: CRGS Sixth Form Subject Sheet - Spanish
- ✓ **Download the exam board specification** which is available here: AQA A Level Spanish
- ✓ **Read the section called 'Specification at a Glance'**, focusing on the A Level content.
- ✓ Some of these resources will become more useful when you have moved further through the course, such as the A Level specification, so store them where you can revisit them over the next 2 years.
- ✓ Don't worry if some of the work sounds challenging. A Level work is more difficult than GCSE work after all. Your teachers will be supporting you through this transition. Please talk to us if you are unsure about any aspect of the course.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Spanish A Level
Introductory Tasks

This is what we recommend you should do, ready to begin Year 12:

TASK 1 - We recommend that you revise the main tenses by visiting the grammar section from the BBC Bitesize website :
- Present tense: Present tense verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize
- Preterite and imperfect tenses : Past tense verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize
- Future and conditional tenses: Future and conditional verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize

You can also use the Languages Online website (languages online). There are some good introductory grammatical explanations for each tense.

TASK 2 - We also recommend that you go to the Oye website, which is free of charge outside of school hours and complete exercises in the Year 10 and 11 section to keep your tenses and vocabulary up to date. www.oye.org.uk

TASK 3 - We would like you to do the following exercises on the topic of 'New technologies' and the advantages and disadvantages of the mobile phone (see pages below).

TASK 4 – We recommend you watch series or films in Spanish as well as reading articles, magazines or books in Spanish. This will develop your cultural knowledge of Spanish-speaking countries as well as continuing to improve your listening and reading skills.

TASK 5 – Practise your listening skills and develop your cultural understanding by using www.newsinslowspanish.com . These are short clips of news items from Spain to help you to keep your understanding of Spanish up to date.

TASK 6 - Here are links to the BBC Bitesize for more vocabulary, listening and reading practice:

GCSE Spanish - AQA (for exams from 2026) - BBC Bitesize

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¿Cuáles son las ventajas y desventajas de los móviles?

Exercise 1. Translate 'Movíles: las funciones' (below) into English:

Movíles: las funciones
¿Comó se dice las palabras en ingles?

1. Enviar y recibir mensajes de texto
2. Hacer llamadas
3. Utilizar aplicaciones
4. Bloquear el teclado
5. Escuchar música
6. Conectar al Red
7. Grabar vidéos
8. Captuar imágenes
9. Cargar la batería
10. Pulsar las teclas

Exercise 2 - Read 'No sin mi móvil' (below) and find 4 or 5 advantages and disadvantages for mobile phones. Write these in English. You can use the grid on the final page if you wish or write them down on a piece of paper and bring them to your first lesson.

¡No sin mi móvil!

Adicción al móvil

Unas desventajas de los móviles

Aunque pueda parecer exagerado, numerosos investigadores ya están alertando de que hay muchas personas con teléfono móvil que están sufriendo problemas **físicos y psicológicos como ansiedad, palpitaciones y sudores** cuando olvidan el móvil en casa, su tarjeta de prepago se queda a cero, se quedan sin cobertura o sin batería.

Está claro que hay muchísimas ventajas en la utilización del teléfono móvil, como por ejemplo, para llamar a casa cuando voy a llegar tarde, cuando aviso para decir que me quedo a estudiar en casa de Lucía- pero muchos usuarios tienen que empezar a plantearse si no se estarán convirtiendo en auténticos **"móvil-dependientes"**, al no poder estar ni un minuto sin su teléfono.

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¿Cuáles son las ventajas y desventajas de los móviles

Ventajas	Desventajes

Exercise 3. Translate the sentences below into Spanish.

1. I am addicted to my mobile. I use it all the time.
2. My favourite social network is Twitter although I have only been using it for six months.
3. My brother uses Duolingo to improve his Spanish.
4. Before the summer, I didn't have Instagram but now my friends and I use it every day.
5. My parents use Facebook to stay in contact with their friends, who live abroad.
6. My sister has so many apps on her phone. You can get them for all sorts of things.
7. Most young people probably spend far too long on their devices.
8. I think Netflix is so useful as I can watch my favourite series, whenever I want.
9. I can quickly message my friends with Snapchat, when I miss them, and that's brilliant!
10. The social network I use least is Whatsapp. I only use it for our family group chats.

Useful websites for Spanish

Keep this list in your folder. You will find these websites useful during your A Level course.

- ✓ www.ozu.es - Popular culture website
- ✓ www.red2000.com/spain/1index.html

Online newspapers

- ✓ www.abc.es
- ✓ www.elmundo.es Daily newspaper
- ✓ www.elpais.com El País, the biggest national daily newspaper
- ✓ www.lavanguardia.com La Vanguardia, daily newspaper

Media

- ✓ news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/news BBC world news in Spanish
- ✓ www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish Link to BBC's online television and other support
- ✓ www.cadenaser.com Radio

Europe

These organisations provide a wealth of information about trends in Spanish life and public opinion:

- ✓ http://ec.europa.eu - Every kind of information about the EU
- ✓ www.europarl.es

Latin America

Material relating to Latin American countries may be accessed via general websites/search engines such as www.terra.es where the 'buscador' will take you to websites covering the whole country, for example:

- ✓ http://chile.com .
- ✓ www.lanic.utexas.edu
- ✓ www.softguides.com Information about Spain in general, Barcelona and Madrid