

International Baccalaureate Spanish

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The aim of the Spanish ab initio course is much more than learning a certain amount of vocabulary or a number of grammatical rules. It means being able to interact in a new cultural context that will enable us to function in a society different from our original one. It not only expands our possibilities for work, entertainment or travel, but it expands our awareness of the world as we know it today. This course will give students the opportunity to further their linguistic skills by taking up Spanish as a second foreign language, or for students to learn Spanish for the first time.

Course:

Ab initio Spanish

Overview:

Students will complete 7 units during the course such as personal information; education and work; the town; food and drink; leisure, environment and health issues. The four primary skills which will be developed are; listening; speaking; reading and writing. The main aim of the course is to enable students to communicate effectively in the target language about everyday situations and aspects of the culture related to them whilst showing a good command of grammar.

Assessment:

(30%) of the exam will be an oral assessment based on a presentation and a conversation (40%) of the exam will be a text handling exam which will consist of multiple choice questions, true or false activities and answering short questions. (30%) of the exam will be a written assessment where students will complete two written activities.

Internationalism and the Aims of the IB Programme:

As part of their studies, students will be encouraged to investigate and question notions of identity, multi-culturalism, different beliefs and traditions. A wide variety of resources is available to students to achieve this aim. We have links with the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle who regularly hosts Study Days, as well as with Durham University and there will be opportunities for students to converse with native Spanish speakers and student mentors. The school has access to relevant, up to date and authentic articles on global and national issues, and there will also be opportunities to visit Spain, with a view to broadening students' cultural horizons.

'Languages are a lifelong skill which open the door to many opportunities.'

(taken from the IB Subject Guide)

'A language is an asset to any student regardless of the path they intend to follow'