

SPANISH

Exam Board: OCR

Assessment methods: Exams (listening and reading)- 40%, Controlled assessment (speaking and writing)- 60%

Length of exams: unit 1 (45 minutes), unit 3 (45 minutes)

Length of the controlled assessment: unit 4 writing – 2 tasks of 1 hour each unit 2 speaking – 2 tasks of 4-6 minutes each.

Breakdown of each unit:

Unit 1: Listening (exam 20% of the whole GCSE)

Listen for, identify and note main points and extract some detail from spoken texts of increasing length, speed and complexity.

Demonstrate their understanding with a variety of non-verbal responses and some short answers (of one or two words) in English.

Unit 2: Speaking (controlled assessment 30% of the whole GCSE)

Complete two controlled assessment tasks for two different purposes. Both tasks can be on the same topic/ sub-topic but must be for different purposes.

The topic or topics can be selected from the OCR topic list or candidates can choose a topic of personal interest. Interact with other speakers and present ideas and information.

Student will be required to respond to some unexpected questions as part of their interaction with other speakers.

Unit 3: Reading (exam 20% of the whole GCSE)

Read, identify and note main points and extract some detail from written texts of increasing length and complexity

Demonstrate their understanding with a variety of non-verbal responses (in English and the target language) and short answers (of one or two words) in English.

Unit 4: Writing (controlled assessment 30% of the whole GCSE)

Communicate on two different subjects for two different purposes. Student can choose a topic of personal interest or topics can be selected from the OCR topic list below.

Tasks can be taken from the same topic area as long as the content is different in each, e.g. one task on school and one on work experience would be acceptable.

OCR topic area list:

Topic Area 1 Home and local area

- Life in the home; friends and relationships.
- Local area, facilities and getting around.

Topic Area 2 Health and sport

- Sport, outdoor pursuits and healthy lifestyle.
- Food and drink as aspects of culture and health.

Topic Area 3 Leisure and entertainment (includes online)

- Socialising, special occasions and festivals.
- TV, films and music.

Topic Area 4 Travel and the wider world

- Holidays and exchanges.
- Environmental, cultural and social issues.

Topic Area 5 Education and work

- School life in the UK and in the target language country or community.
- Work experience, future study and jobs, working abroad.

Overlap with other subjects: A number of the themes available in all topic areas clearly link to other disciplines such as Geography, Sociology, Physical Education and Film and Media Studies