



# Spanish AS Level Summer Preparation



Congratulations on choosing to study a language at AS level at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School . 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.

## 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 huge range of media, most of which is available free online as well as tasks to complete before September

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.rtve.es> or even the weather forecast

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

Take in some culinary delights with Spanish Masterchef <http://www.rtve.es/television/masterchef> or some football <http://www.rtve.es/deportes/champions-league>. Or watch some cartoons in Spanish

<http://www.rtve.es/infantil>. You will recognise some of the programmes - *Sam el bombero*

<http://www.rtve.es/infantil/videos-juegos/#/videos/sam-bombero/todos> or *La oveja Shaun*

<http://www.rtve.es/infantil/videos-juegos/#/videos/oveja-shaun/todos>

### 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
- Look at <http://broadcast-live.com/television/spanish/html> This website gives you access to the TV stations that are streaming TV including <http://www.canalsur.es/portada-2808.html>
- Another TV station is <http://www.antena3.com> This gives you access to loads of soaps and dramas etc. as well as *Downtown Abbey* in Spanish!
- 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.
- [www.rtve.es/alcarta](http://www.rtve.es/alcarta) - Spanish iplayer

## 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 live using the *Escuchar Ahora* or the *En directo* button. It sometimes takes a while to buffer so be patient.

- Radio Nacional de España (RNE) - [www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)
- Radio 1 (Radio Nacional) es la radio generalista de RNE. Sus programas llegan a todos los públicos. Noticias, entretenimiento, cultura, deportes.....

TOP TIP: Listen to Radio 3 -

Radio 3 is set up like Radio 1 or Capital FM and so has music videos and interviews to watch too.

- Radio 5 es la radio dedicada al mundo de la actualidad con noticias durante 24 horas del día, todos los días del año. [www.rtve.es/radio/radio5](http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio5)
- Use the Tunein radio app

## Use Twitter:

@Spain - the official Twitter for tourism in Spain

@LaFraseDelDia - A Spanish site which tweets inspirational sayings each day

@spanishlanguage - Official account for Transparent Language Spanish. Learn the language with free resources, social media and research-based software that works.

@spanishaddicts - 'el español de la calle' Spanish phrases, vocab, articles and more.

@spanishxxx2 - free Spanish sentences, vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar tests. Tweets vocab, articles and quizzes.

@muyinteresante - a Spanish news organisation that tweets in Spanish only. Great for practising reading skills.

TOP TIP:

Register to a feed that tweets a word or so a day:

@EduLearnSpanish - learn 3 new words a day on Twitter

@LL\_Spanish - learn Spanish with words and phrases of the day from Living Language! Tweets Spanish phrases, words, articles and more.

Read.....

Keep your own vocabulary book for new expressions that you come across. You could order it alphabetically, by topic area on what we are going to study or just use it as a diary.

## Newspapers and magazines:

Read a foreign language newspaper - El País in Spanish is available in larger paper shops and has its own website [www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com). You do not need to read the paper from cover to cover, just scan the headlines and pick out ONE article that grabs your attention.

Also look at [www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es)

This website gives you access to newspapers all over the world -

[www.mediatico.com/en/newspapers/europe/spain/national](http://www.mediatico.com/en/newspapers/europe/spain/national)

This website is a more light-hearted newspaper which covers global stories as well as gossip [www.20minutos.es](http://www.20minutos.es)

Also try [www.20minutos.tv](http://www.20minutos.tv) which is the TV channel for the newspaper.

The website [www.diariosur.es](http://www.diariosur.es) contains clips from news stories and links through to sport. It also has links through to specific parts of Spain which may be useful when you start a project a a region of Spain at A2 Level.

[www.primerasnoticias.com](http://www.primerasnoticias.com) is a website for young people. It has sections on the Internet and mobile technology, science and wildlife, education, culture, sport, society and health.

To catch up with the latest gossip take a look at [www.hola.com](http://www.hola.com) the spanish equivalent of Hello! Magazine.

## Grammar Practice:

What should I know by now?

You need to be able to recognise and use a range of tenses - including regular and irregular verbs i.e.

Present

Preterite

Imperfect

Near future (ir + a +  
infinitive) Future (e.g. será)

Conditional (e.g. sería)

You also need to be able to give opinions with reasons using a range of opinion expressions, both positive and negative reasons for opinions and be able to agree and disagree.

Grammar exercises:

Use [www.espanol-extra.co.uk](http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk) (password from your teacher) to practise grammar. Also [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) has lots of grammar exercises to help you practise.

## Suggested tasks:

1. Have a look at the websites/links above and complete exercises especially about tenses!
2. Summarise, in Spanish an articles (that was in Spanish) that you have read from one of the websites/papers and say why they interested you. If you cannot print the article, make a note of the website.
3. Watch at least one foreign language film in Spanish. Local libraries will have a collection of DVDs if you are struggling to get access to one.
4. Look out for any items in the English or Spanish media relating to topics we will study - such as the internet, regional identity and family life so that you have points to make in a discussions and opinions to give.
5. Go to [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) and complete as many exercises as possible. Note down the exercise and your score.
6. Read through the course overview so that you have an idea of what we will be studying. This will also help you with task 4 above.
7. If you find any other websites/links/twitter feeds that you think are worth sharing, note them down.
8. CREATE A GRAMMAR REVISION that includes ALL of the tenses that you covered at GCSE level  
It can take any form that you like - poster/leaflet etc.
9. Remember - you will take from the course what you put in. Students who put in plenty of independent work are always the most successful.
10. ¡ MUCHA SUERTE !













