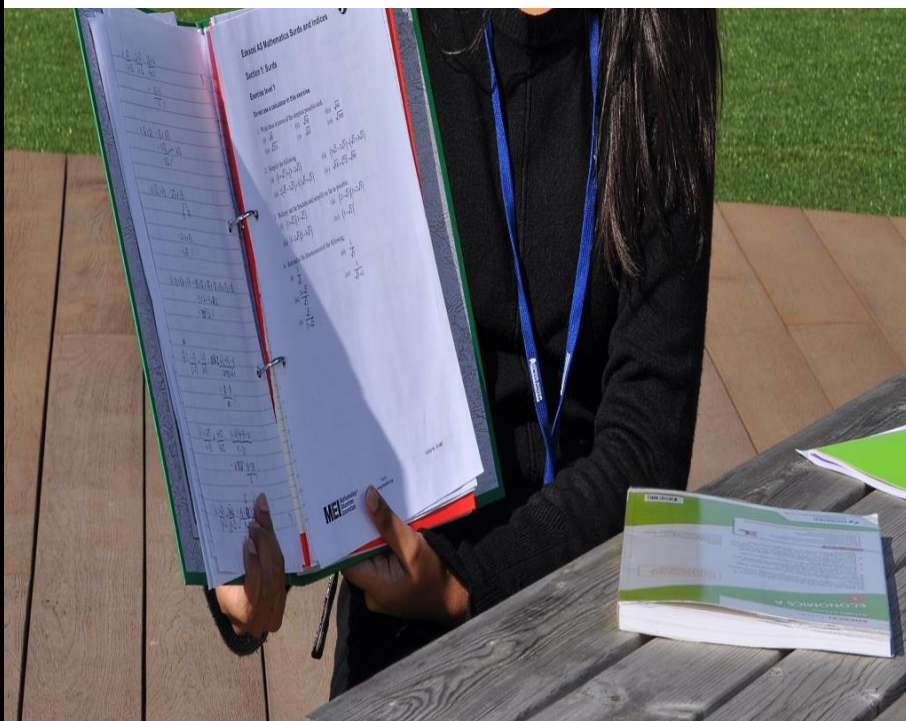




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## **Exploring beyond GCSE Spanish & keep in shape for Y12!**



- **Practise your Reading, Listening and Writing skills**
- **Find out more about Spanish-speaking societies**

Dear Y11-Y12 student,

As you know only too well, we are living through challenging times. Keeping academically motivated can sometimes feel like a bit of an uphill struggle. The best way of dealing with this is to reconnect with the joy of learning for its own sake and for the benefits to your mental health, and think of all the great things the future holds in store, especially with an extra language to help you travel and connect with people all around the world!

SI PUEDES ☁️  
SOÑARLO  
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☀️ PUEDES  
HACERLO



QUIZÁS.  
— TODOS LOS DÍAS —  
NO SEAN BUENOS, PERO  
SIEMPRE HAY  
ALGO BUENO  
· TODOS LOS DÍAS ·

By the time you begin Y12 in September, you will have been several months away from the classroom and you will need to keep your Spanish going. Remember that with languages, you can really turbo charge skills while pursuing your own interests. Reignite the pleasure of learning by listening to Spanish music, or videos in Spanish on topics that are of interest to you!



Your brain is an amazing organ; you learn SO much without even realising it! If you choose a video, even if you *think* you only understood 5%, your brain will still unconsciously have absorbed natural sentence patterns in Spanish, and little by little, this process of absorption will lead to familiarity with the language and embed correct sentence formation. It really does work!

Try to listen to Spanish as often as you can, just 15 minutes at a time will do. You can choose a different video each time, or come back to the same one again, building up layers of understanding from 5% - 15% - 40% etc – each method can work – just do it as often as you can.

The next pages give you many great Spanish learning tips and ideas about organizing your work and improving your Spanish in time for the end of August.

All best wishes from the Spanish department at LAET.

*Special thanks to Ms Savjani at LAE for sharing these resources.*

## How to prepare for Spanish at A Level

You have quite a few weeks in which to really prepare for your Y12 Spanish. This booklet contains links to a huge range of media, most of which is available for free online as well as tasks you should try to complete before the end of August. In order to keep pace, it is important that you work through the tasks. Little and often is better than cramming this all into the last two weeks of August! Try to build some of them into your daily routine.



## Watch...

### Television

Watch the latest news in Spanish <http://www.rtve.es/>, or even just 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 with your baby brother or sister; you can both learn some Spanish <http://www.rtve.es/infantil/>.



You will recognize some of the programmes– any guesses what *Sam el bombero* is <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 canals or 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 *Downton Abbey* in Spanish!
- BBC Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z4dqxnb>. If you have trouble bringing the website up, type in [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education). Then select England GCSE and scroll down until you find Modern Foreign Languages. Behind both the Speaking and Listening tabs there are loads of great videos to watch that only last a few minutes and they are a great way to practice your listening skills.

## 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 (tidying your room???). 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))
- *Radio1 (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 the radio station that the young listen to. It is set up just like Radio 1 or Capital FM and so has music videos and interviews to watch too. Also, if you like 80s music, try M80Radio<http://www.m80radio.com/>.

- *Radio 3* es la radio más joven, la preocupada por los temas de la juventud. Música, cine, teatro, libros, debates... <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/>  
Gain Access to a range of programmes relating to popular culture, music, festivals, cinema, etc.
- *Radio 5* es la radio dedicada al mundo de la actualidad, con noticias durante las 24 horas del día, todos los días del año.<http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio5/>



Listen to the latest news!

- *Radio Exterior de España(REE)*es la voz de RNE en el exterior, la que difunde la cultura y la que acerca a los pueblos.



## Sign up to Twitter

Sign up to Twitter for authentic text that you can quickly flick through. You could follow the ones below. They will help you pick up the language even when lazily browsing twitter. Some ideas are:

**@Spain** -The official Twitter for tourism in Spain

**@LaFraseDelDia\_**-Másque palabras. A Spanish site which tweets inspirational sayings for each day.

**@spanishlanguage**-Official Twitter account for Transparent Language Spanish. Learn the language with free resources, social media, and research-based software that works. Tweets expressions, phrases, words and articles in Spanish.

**@spanishaddicts**- El español de la calle (typical spoken Spanish). No son traducciones literales, es mucho más que eso. Spanish phrases, vocab, articles and more.

**@spanishxxx2**- Free Spanish Sentences Vocabulary Pronunciation Grammar Tests. Tweets vocab, articles, and quizzes.

**@muyinteresante**- Revista de ciencia, historia, tecnología, salud, psicología, innovación y curiosidades. A Spanish news organization that tweets in Spanish only. Great for practicing your reading skills.

### **TOP TIP: Sign up to Twitter and register to a feed that tweets a word or so a day**

**A word a day is a fantastic way of building your vocabulary. Here are some to choose from:**

**@SpanishDict**-Learn Spanish on the web. Tweets a random Spanish word frequently with the translation.

**@VamosSpanish**-A word a day goes a long way! Use this online resource to enhance your Spanish learning and ask questions. Tweets words and phrases and translates them. Also tweets other facts and grammar.

**@EduLearnSpanish**- Learn 3 new words a day on Twitter!

**@SpanishWords4U**-Spanish Word A Day and computer programs to learn Spanish. Tweets a new Spanish word every day with example sentences.

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

## Read...

Keep your own vocabulary book for new expressions you come across—there is a sheet at the back of this booklet to start you off. Or you can ask your teacher for a small vocab booklet to fill in as you go. You could order it alphabetically, by topic area based on what we are going to study or just use it as a diary and scribble away your Spanish development in it.

## Newspapers and Magazines

Read a foreign language newspaper— El País in Spanish is available in larger paper shops. El País has its own website <http://elpais.com/> so that you can read the paper online. You do not have to read the paper cover to cover, just scan the headlines and pick out ONE article that grabs your attention.



This website gives you access to newspapers all over the world. Here is the link to a range of Spanish papers. <http://www.mediatico.com/en/newspapers/europe/spain/national/>

This website is a more lighthearted newspaper which covers global stories as well as gossip. <http://www.20minutos.es/> Also try <http://www.20minutos.tv/>. This is the TV Channel for this newspaper.

The website <http://www.diariosur.es/> is from a newspaper in the south of Spain. In addition to articles, it contains a number of clips from news stories and links through to sports etc. It also has links through to specific parts of Spain.

In Spain there is also a news website for young people: <http://primerasnoticias.com/>. It has sections on the Internet and Mobile Technology; Science and Wildlife; Education; Culture; Sport; Society and Health. A glance today contained articles about Facebook, videogames and bullying to name but a few.



To catch up on the latest gossip and to see what the celebs are wearing, take a look at <http://www.hola.com/>. This is our equivalent of Hello! Magazine. Also look at <http://www.elmundo.es/>

## Fiction

There are many books that you can borrow in the library. Also, if you come across a book that you would like us to get, let us know!

## Websites

Switch to Spanish browsers such as <http://www.terra.es/> and <http://es.yahoo.com/> or [www.yahoo.es](http://www.yahoo.es) as well as [www.google.es](http://www.google.es). This way, you will read Spanish every time you log on and it will become part of your everyday activity.

Look at the BBC website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/onlinenews.shtml> for links to Spanish programmes available on line. And <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/> takes you through to news in Spanish.



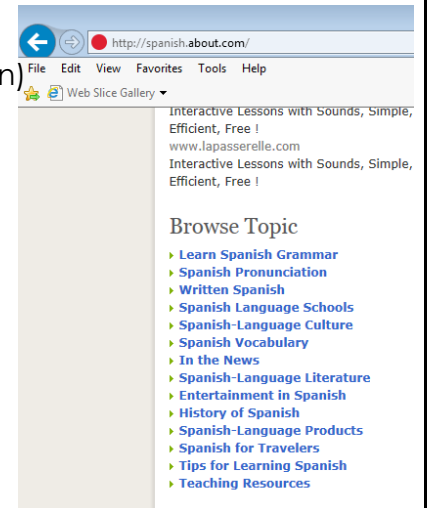
## Websites for research

Once you actually start your Y12 course in September, you will realize that you are almost completing a Sociology A-Level in Spanish. It is fascinating and you will learn all about the history and culture of Spanish speakers. Here are some websites bursting with information about Spain. Always start your research with these websites as it is easy to get bogged down when looking for help on the internet.

If you are searching for information, try switching to the Spanish [www.es.wikipedia](http://www.es.wikipedia). Remember that anyone can write on Wikipedia so you must validate your research elsewhere and never quote from it! It is a good place to start though.

A Spanish government run website :[www.mec.es](http://www.mec.es)(Consejería de Educación)

A website in English with some great links to various topics:<http://spanish.about.com/>



## Online dictionary

A good on-line dictionary is: <http://www.wordreference.com/>

### **TOP TIP: Don't look up every word you are not sure of when reading an article/ book**

Yep...you read that right. When you are reading articles etc., try not to look up every word as it will take you forever. Skim and scan the text to get the gist. Remember to use the context or the article, cognates and common sense to figure out what the article is saying. Pick out a couple of words that you like the look of, that you feel may be real hurdles to getting the idea of the text, look them up carefully and add them to your vocab booklet. The aim at this stage is to get the gist of the article, not be able to translate it completely. Translation is a whole different ball game and you will learn it soon enough.

You will be surprised how much more enjoyable reading will be if you really pay attention to this tip.



## Grammar Practice

### What should I know by now?

This is a common question asked by students. You should be able to:

TOPIC	CONTENT
Recognise and use a range of tenses with <b>regular</b> verbs.	<p><u>Regular –AR, –ER, –IR verbs:</u></p> <p><b>Tenses:</b>            Present            Preterite            Imperfect            Near Future (ir+a+inf.)            Future (e.g.Será)            Conditional (eg. sería)            The passive voice            The subjunctive</p>
Recognise and use a range of tenses with <b>irregular</b> verbs.	<p><u>Common irregular verbs in all tenses:</u>  <b>ser, estar, tener, hacer, ir, poner, poder, leer, venir, conducir, etc.</b></p>
Give opinions with reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A range of opinion expressions</li> <li>• Positive and negative reasons for opinions</li> <li>• To be able to agree and disagree</li> </ul>

### Links to Grammar Practice Exercises

Look at your GCSE grammar booklet– ask your teacher if you need a new one. The following websites that you already know are also very useful interactive sites for grammar and language based activities. Take a look at them. They wouldn't be on here if they weren't worth a look.

- Languages on line: The Grammar Revision resources on [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) are great as you can then select what tense you want to revise, read the explanations and complete the exercises. You can do these as often as you like and it gives you a percentage. Another useful tactic is to translate the examples and exercises into English to ensure you understand the meaning of each tense.



- <http://www.studyspanish.com/tutorial.htm>
- <http://lightbulblanguages.co.uk/resources-sp-al.htm>
- [www.conjugemos.com](http://www.conjugemos.com)



## Tasks to complete before the end of August

Complete the task log. You will need to show it to your teacher so make sure that it is clear and useful to you. You may have one week in which you are extremely motivated and one when you are not. Do not leave it all until the end of August however, as you will be behind and you want to start the year as you mean to go on.

1. When you look at a website/link on here, highlight it and note the date and what you thought about it. You can then put a couple of notes in your task log.
2. Summarise, in Spanish, 2 articles (that were in Spanish!) that you have read from one of the websites/papers above 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 and review it(c. 200–250words) in Spanish. Watch as many Spanish films as you can.
4. Look out for any items in the English or Spanish media relating to topics we will study – such as the Internet, the changes in family life and relationships, LGBTQ+ issues and gender equality, regional identity in Spain (see the [AQA A-level syllabus](#) for a complete overview of the themes) so that you have points to make in a discussion and opinions to give.
5. Go onto [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk). Complete 2 exercises a week. Each exercise takes less than 5minutes. Note down the exercise you did and your score.
6. If you find any other websites/ links/ twitter feeds that you think are worth sharing, note them down too.
7. And finally...Remember, you will take from the course what you put in. Students who put in plenty of independent work are always the most successful. Enjoy!

**We hope you enjoy the materials and develop some good habits over the summer. Please**

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## Task Log

Feel free to create your own version of this. The important thing is to be able to provide a snapshot of the independent work you have completed over the summer.

Date	Website/ article/ song etc	What I learned/ new words I discovered etc.

