



We're looking forward to welcoming you in September! Please note that this document has been created by staff to help you prepare to start your studies at sixth form. The work you produce from this will form the basis of a discussion in your first lessons with your teachers.

At the end of this document, there is a review sheet for you to complete every time you engage with some preparatory reading this summer.

List of key topics you will study in Year 12:

- **Aspects of Hispanic Society**
  - Modern and traditional values
  - Cyberspace and social media
  - Equal rights (including women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights)
- **Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World**
  - Modern-day idols (music, celebrities, influencers)
  - Spanish regional identity (traditions, festivals)
  - Cultural heritage (architecture, art, literature)
- **Grammar and Core Language Skills**
  - Present, past and future tenses
  - Subjunctive mood
  - Complex sentence structures
  - Translation skills (Spanish ↔ English)
- **Film Study**
  - *Como Agua para Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel

- *El Laberinto del Fauno* by Guillermo del Toro

## Recommended research list:

### -Websites

- BBC Bitesize Spanish (A-level section)
- El País (Spanish newspaper): <https://elpais.com>
- RTVE (Spanish news and media): <https://www.rtve.es>
- BBC Mundo: <https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

### Podcasts

- Notes in Spanish (intermediate to advanced)
- Coffee Break Spanish
- News in Slow Spanish

### TV programmes / Documentaries

- "España Directo" (RTVE)
- Netflix Spanish-language series (e.g. *Élite*, *La Casa de Papel*)
- Documentaries on Spanish culture or society (YouTube/Netflix)

### Books / Articles

- Short stories in Spanish (e.g. graded readers)
- Articles from El País or BBC Mundo
- Basic grammar workbooks (e.g. CGP A-level Spanish)

### Tasks

- Find, read and make notes on a **news article in Spanish** for each key topic we will study (see topics above).
- Listen to a **podcast from the recommended list** and complete a review sheet for this topic (at the end of this document).
- Watch **2 Spanish-language TV programmes or documentaries**. Write a review/reflection of what you learned from this.
- Learn **20-30 new Spanish words per week**, including verbs and key topic vocabulary.
- Write a **200-300 word paragraph in Spanish** about one of the Year 12 topics (e.g. social media, festivals, equality).



What questions do you still have?