



## Summer - Spanish A-Level preparation:

Please see course details [here](#).

Please complete **at least two from each of the sections below**: Grammar, Culture and Language, Research.

### Section 1: Grammar

Ensure your fundamental grammar is secure in the past, present and future.

1. Use this [website](#) or this [one](#) to practice.
2. Begin a grammar reference section on Goodnotes for your future reference.
3. Make a note of the tenses you find easier or more challenging.
4. You may wish to purchase [this guide](#) for further practice.

### Section 2: Culture and Language

1. **Read some fictional novels in English that are set in Spain** and tell you about Spanish history:

**Guernica** by Dave Boling

**Winter in Madrid** by C. J. Sansom

**Alberto's Lost Birthday** by Diana Rosie

**The Return** by Victoria Hislop

2. **Read some short stories and poems in Spanish.** All these have parallel texts in English included:

[Short stories](#)

[Dawn of the Senses: Selected Poems of Alberto Blanco \(City Lights Pocket Poets Series\)](#)

[Collected Poems of Lorca \(FSG Classics\)](#)

1. **Watch a Spanish TV/Netflix series either with Spanish audio or Spanish subtitles (or both).**

Please check age- rating before watching. Here are just a few suggestions. Use this [link](#) for programme descriptions and a few more titles.

**Vis a Vis** (Locked Up)/**Casa de Papel** (Money Heist)/**Elite**/**La Casa de las Flores** (House of Flowers)/ **Las Chicas del Cable** (Cable Girls)/**Gran Hotel** (Grand Hotel)/**Velvet**



2. **Watch films by Pedro Almodóvar.** We will be studying one of his films next year. Here are some suggestions, available to buy or rent on Prime Video:

- **Pain and Glory (Dolor y Gloria)** (2019) Available to buy or rent on utube or Prime video
- **Women on the verge of a Nervous Breakdown (Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios)** (1988)
- **Julieta** (2016)

3. **Watch a classic, Spanish film.** Please check the age-rating before you watch it and please make a note of the title of the film and a brief synopsis. Here are some links to the top Spanish films on:

[Netflix](#)

[Amazon Prime](#)

### Section 3: Research

1. **Begin reading the news** to remain up to date with the Spanish-speaking world. Choose or swap between the sources below, or find one you prefer.

[BBC Mundo](#)

[El País](#)

2. **Use this [link](#) for various Spanish news and personal interest websites.** Research, read and watch videos on a news item or a topic of interest to you (in a Hispanic context).

1. Read this [article](#) from the Guardian as your starting point for your own research on the film director **Pedro Almodóvar**. Please create a large detailed spider diagram of information and pictures about this famous Spanish film director.

1. For us to better understand the present, it is essential we understand the past. For forty years Spain had a dictatorship (1939-1975). Please research the **Franco Dictatorship**, looking specifically at the traditional values it promoted. Areas to look at: family values, women's rights, men's roles, the Catholic church etc.