

Whitworth Community High School

Spanish Department

<p>Faculty Leader: Mrs D. Goff Spanish Teachers: Mrs J Hopkins & Miss R Martinez</p>	<h3>Year 8 Learning Overview</h3>
<p>Organisation of the classes: Students receive 2 lessons of Spanish per week in Year 8 and are set as per Year 7.</p>	
<p>Key Concepts: Year 8 is about building further upon the skills learned in Year 7, to prepare you for Year 9 and GCSE. You learn how to ask questions and give extended, detailed answers, giving, justifying and explaining your ideas and opinions, using a wider variety of language. You will learn more of the key grammar, including: irregular verb formations; more complex opinions; additional tense formations (preterite, imperfect - past - tenses and simple future tense).</p>	<p>What skills do I use in this subject?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thinking skills (spotting language patterns and applying grammar rules) ❖ Comprehension skills (listening, reading and translation) ❖ Communication skills (speaking and writing) ❖ Expressing and justifying opinions and points of view ❖ Literacy skills: spelling, punctuation and grammar, drawing comparisons and noting key differences between Spanish and your mother tongue
<p>What will you be learning? You will learn how to talk about where you live; including countries and nationalities; to describe your house, the rooms of the house and your bedroom; to ask others questions about where they live and understand their responses. You will be able to describe your town, including its places and facilities; what there is to see and do and give your opinions. You will learn about free time activities, including sports, games and other hobbies; describing when and how often you do them and give your opinions of them.</p>	<p>How will you be learning?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Listening to authentic spoken Spanish (recordings) and the teacher ❖ Reading a variety of texts, including authentic Spanish material (eg: poems, short stories) ❖ Vocabulary learning (via tests, apps, games, etc) ❖ Verbal and written work - taking risks with new language ❖ Completing home learning and applying revision techniques taught ❖ Practising language independently (alone or with others)
<p>How will your learning be assessed? Participation in group and class work is continually observed. Peer and self-assessment take place in lessons. Some assessment will take place (formally through testing or informally in class) after each unit of work is completed. All four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) will be assessed and awarded a grade over the course of the year; these grades are tracked along a “flightpath” which covers the whole of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (GCSE).</p>	<p>Home Learning You will receive two 2 Home Learning booklets over a year. Your teacher may also give you learning homework (for example: a list of vocabulary needed for the topics being studied). You will also have workbooks for both home and class learning which you will be expected to keep up to date.</p>
<p>Equipment needed? School required equipment is mandatory. It is also a good idea for you to have a Spanish / English (bilingual) dictionary which you can bring with you to lessons. Your teacher may set you work via Google Classroom, so an internet connection at home will be useful. (If this is not possible, you will be able to use school computers in Homework Club, etc).</p>	<p>How can your parents support your learning? Friends and family can support you by testing you and/or learning the language with you. You can use various websites on the internet (eg: Espanol-extra - ask your teacher for the username and password) to practise listening and reading Spanish vocabulary, through exercises, games, etc.</p>
<p>SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations Encourage tolerance and respect for and a curiosity about other cultures and civilisations. Encourage collaboration and group working skills; with mutual respect. Encourage independence and resilience in pupils (to promote a “do not give up” attitude). Challenge pupils to go above and beyond the classroom and to explore the world of language learning independently (through research, extra-curricular activities, projects, etc).</p>	<p>What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available? Language Club is held every Thursday after school until 4pm; come along and have fun with the language; get a Spanish penfriend; learn other languages or just get help with anything at all you are struggling with in your learning. You are always welcome to come and ask the teachers for help with work at any other time too. At the end of Year 8 you will have the opportunity to apply to become a “Language Leader” in Year 9.</p>