



ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY

PREPARING FOR A-LEVEL

SPANISH

Improve Your Vocabulary

Memrise: Sign up to [Memrise Blooket](#) or [Quizlet](#) and look for AS/A level German activities to work through. Re-visiting the various topics studied at GCSE a little bit each day will improve your recall of words from memory. [Languages Online](#) is another excellent site.

Online dictionary: [Word Reference](#) is a good resource for individual words.

Grammar

You will ensure yourself a fabulous start to the A Level course if you brush up on the basic grammar over the summer. Return to the tenses that you learned at GCSE level (imperfect, past perfect, preterit, present, immediate future, simple future, conditional) both with the use of regular and irregular verbs.

If you prefer to practise using online and interactive resources, the following sites will be useful:
Conjugation of Spanish verbs online:

- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>
- www.thisislanguange.com (via school subscription)
- www.conjuguemos.com

Listening

[Brainpop](#) videos: Choose a subject and watch some videos – put the subtitles (subtítulos) on, then try the quiz afterwards to test your comprehension.

Have the Spanish radio open in the background when you are doing other things to get used to the intonation etc. Cadena has a few channels but Cadena Ser is the most listened to, Cope and Los 40 are also very popular, as well as Radio Nacional España. Download the Radio Garden app for the choice of radio stations around the world! www.lyricstraining.com might also be useful to learn what you are singing along to.

If you enjoy reading, search an audiobook or listen to a podcast in Spanish.

Current Affairs

It is a good idea to take an interest in current affairs in the Spanish-speaking world and the following sites are recommended:

- [News in Slow Spanish](#)
- Follow popular people on Instagram as well as the main news sites and glossy magazines such as OK! And Hola
- [Fluentu Don Quijote Thought Co Spanish](#)

Popular Culture

Music, fashion, art and cinema are topics studied at A Level and it is essential for you to find out who are the important singers or artists, designers and models as well as actors and directors of the moment, not only for your own interest but for access to the top band of the mark scheme.

- [Ministry of Culture and Sport](#)
- [Spanish Tourist Board for UK](#)

Music

Apple Music, Spotify and Youtube are great for finding Spanish music - searching '*música español 2022*' or '*los mejores éxitos 2022*' will bring up playlists of the latest music in the Spanish charts.

Film

Watch films in Spanish with subtitles (English or Spanish) to get used to hearing the language. Even your old favourites will have a language selection in the settings!

We will be studying the film *El Laberinto del Fauno* by Guillermo del Toro and you should watch it over the summer to familiarise yourself with the story line and the cultural, social and educational issues raised by this work.

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xnQDGVpdNU (trailer)
- www.premiosgoya.com/?s=guillermo+del+toro
- [GDT interview 1](#) [GDT interview 2](#)

For award-winning foreign-language drama and film
<https://www.channel4.com/collection/walter-presents>

The Curzon cinema (subscription required) features many foreign films that can be watched from home or a device.