



# Gordon's School

## Spanish Department

### Introduction

The Spanish Department consists of two full time teachers including the Head of Department and one Foreign Language Assistant. Both teachers have spent extensive time living in the country and our Foreign Language Assistant is a native speaker.

The Department teaches across two dedicated classrooms. Our 2 main classrooms are well decorated to promote the Spanish language culture. Both rooms have interactive whiteboards and a separate wipe clean whiteboard and storage areas.

In KS3 students are taught using the Viva suite of textbooks, with Viva 1, Viva 2 and Viva 3 (red) and KS4 students being taught through the Pearson Edexcel course. All books, teaching and assessment materials are available through the Viva Active Teach and Active Hub online subscriptions. KS5 students follow the AQA course using the Oxford text books, all books and teaching materials are available through our online subscription to Kerboodle along with having an online subscription to Exampro.

Students are allocated a language at the start of year 7 and continue to Year 11. Studying a language until GCSE is compulsory for the vast majority of our students. Spanish is also offered as an option at A level for our internal and external students.

Currently the Spanish department runs a bi-annual KS4-KS5 homestay trip to Málaga.

Languages are a core option at Gordon's through to the end of Year 11 with very little exception. German and French are also delivered as part of this entitlement.

### Examination results

- In 2025, 36% of A Level students gained an A\* or an A (50% 2024)
- In 2025 64% of A level students gained an A\*-B (100% 2024)
- In 2025, 29% of GCSE students gained a grade 7 or above.
- In 2025, 81% of GCSE students gained a grade 4 or above.

These results reflect the academic nature of the Department and the high expectations placed upon both our staff and students.

## **Co-curricular activities**

Along with the KS4-KS5 homestay trip, our KS3 students take part in Christmas card and Day of the dead competitions, and our Y8 and Y9 students also participate to an international poetry competition.

Every year, our Year 7 battle it out between the three languages in the Gordons spelling bee competition.

Bi-annually, our KS3 and 4 students have the opportunity to see a Spanish play from a visiting theatre company and our KS4 students take part in a Business Language Champions event annually.

The Spanish department has continued to maintain its PTI status year after year, recognising outstanding leadership and teaching.