

IGCSE Spanish 2025

Two Year Course

Structure

- Sit Edexcel IGCSE exams Summer 2027
- Live Lessons via Zoom on Mondays 9-10.30am UK time.
- Lessons last an hour and a half per week, arranged in 3 x 13 week blocks per year.
- Lessons tailored to the IGCSE exam syllabus, building linguistic confidence and study skills. This includes cultural content.
- Homework given. This will be an essential part of the learning process and will help the lessons go further. We will also do past papers at the end of the first year and then more towards the end of the second year. Some of these can be self-marked but I will mark any trickier areas such as essays.
- Small group of around 3-6 students.
- Price £245 per student per 13 week block

Materials

Parents will need to purchase these two books. The Student Book is fine as a “good” used copy. It’s safer to buy a brand new Grammar Book in case any of the answers have been filled in.

- Viva Edexcel Spanish Higher Student Book <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Viva-Edexcel-Spanish-Higher-Student/dp/1292118989>
- Viva Edexcel Spanish Higher Grammar and Translation Book <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Spanish-Grammar-Translation-Workbook/dp/1292133309>

Students will also need an A4 exercise book or loose leaf file with lined paper, to complete exercises and write notes or sometimes glue extra printouts. They may also want to use a small (A3?) sized booklet for recording vocabulary.

Depending on the time available, I also use a range of listening materials as well as worksheets or pages from other books, if more depth or practice is needed.

My Background:

I have a BA in French and Spanish and a PGCE Teaching Qualification. I taught up to A Level in both French and Spanish in a UK Secondary School before becoming a tutor.

Since then, I have taught a wide range of school and home educated students, covering KS3, GCSE and A Level. I have used Zoom for teaching online since 2019.

I have assessed speaking and writing exams as a GCSE Exam Assessor, every summer since 2006. I also go to local exam centres to do their GCSE and A Level speaking exams in the summer and autumn sittings.

I believe that languages should be open to students of all backgrounds and abilities and I keep my groups small to bring out the best in individuals. I work with each student to help them achieve their maximum potential, and to enjoy their learning path. My own children (aged 13 to 22) have never been to school.

You can find other details about me at <https://auroralanguages.org>, some clips and thoughts here <https://www.facebook.com/AuroraLanguages> and a tiny bit here (just to know I'm a real person) <https://www.facebook.com/DawnFrancisPester/>

Exam Details and Disclaimer

For private candidates, it is the parents' responsibility to arrange and book the exams. It is advisable to explore the options available in the first year of the course (exam board, proximity of exam centre...), and then liaise with the centre or school about deadlines, fees and arrangements.

Be aware that speaking exams are earlier than the others and centres can usually choose to run them between mid-March and mid-May. The centre will need to make provision for the oral exam and will usually provide their own examiner for this.

I will do my best to support students in the face of any changes or unusual hoops to jump through. In 2020 and 2021, I successfully graded private students whose exams were cancelled due to COVID.

Dates and Payment Details

For payment purposes, the 39 weeks are broken into 3 blocks of 13 weeks. Each block costs £245 and covers tuition, lesson planning and administration. We do have some breaks for holidays but sometimes one block is directly followed by another.

My aim was to include 39 weeks each year with an hour and a half lesson each Monday. This works for the first year but obviously the second year is interrupted by exams! So, to make up for those last weeks I am beginning the second year (Block 4) with a couple of weeks at the end of next July '26. The last lessons before the exams will also be two hours (instead of one and a half) to make up the time. I think this will be useful as by then we will be working on revision and also past papers.

I will need payment of £40 paid on registration for the course. This is a non-refundable amount to reserve your space but will be credited to the final block for those who complete the course. Each payment is due before the first week of the block and I will send reminders for future payments. Your space may be reallocated if you do not keep to the deadlines.

2025-2027 (sessions run from 9-10.30 except for the highlighted lessons in Block 6 which will run from 9-11am unless the group all agrees to do 8.30-10.30 when we get there)

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3
September 1	December 8	March 23
September 8	December 15	March 30
September 15	December 22	*April 6
September 22	December 29	April 13
September 29	January 5	April 20
October 6	January 12	April 27
October 13	January 19	*May 4
October 20	January 26	May 11
October 27	February 2	May 18
November 3	February 9	*May 25
November 10	February 16	June 1
November 17	February 23	June 8
November 24	March 2	June 15
December 1	March 9	June 22
	March 16	June 29
		July 6
		*Bank Holiday

BLOCK 4	BLOCK 5	BLOCK 6
July 13	November 23	March 8

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July 20	November 30	March 15
August 31	December 7	March 23
September 7	December 14	*March 30
September 14	December 21	April 6
September 21	December 28	April 13
September 28	January 4	April 20 (two hours)
October 5	January 11	April 27 (two hours)
October 12	January 18	*May 4
October 19	January 25	May 11 (two hours)
October 26	February 1	*May 18 (two hours)
November 2	February 8	May 25 (two hours)
November 9	February 15	June 1 (two hours)
November 16	February 22	
	March 1	
		*Bank Holiday