# Bullers Wood School for Boys

# Spanish

**Key Stage 3 | Years 7-9**

## Our aim

To give boys the confidence to communicate in another language, understand other cultures and gain a skill valued by employers and universities. Students build vocabulary, grammar and the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing towards GCSE.

Short explanations are followed by listening, reading, writing and speaking – alone, in pairs and in groups. By Year 9 students are working on GCSE Foundation-level content.

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Autumn 1** | **Describing yourself** | **Holidays**<br>The preterite (past) tense | **Media & technology**<br>Opinions, comparatives and the present and preterite tenses |
| **Autumn 2** | **School** | **Hobbies**<br>Opinions and adjective agreement | |
| **Spring 1** | **Free time** | **Food**<br>Comparatives and partitive articles | **Travel & tourism**<br>With a focus on South America; direct object pronouns, conditional structures |
| **Spring 2** | **Family** | **Making arrangements**<br>Asking questions; relative pronouns | |
| **Summer 1** | **Town** | **Directions**<br>Requests and the near future | **Personal world & role models**<br>Influential figures; reflexive verbs |
| **Summer 2** | **Review & consolidation** | **Review & consolidation** | |

## Grammar journey

**Year 7:** present tense and near future.

**Years 8:** the preterite, comparatives and question forms.

**Year 9:** combining tenses, object pronouns, conditional and reflexive verbs – the start of GCSE.

### Checking progress

- Weekly vocabulary quizzes
- End-of-topic tests on two skills
- End-of-year assessment

### Homework

- Vocabulary learning once a week – 30-40 minutes spread across the week, using the vocabulary booklet.

### Help at home

- Make and test flashcards together
- Quizlet and BBC Bitesize
- Weekly lunchtime languages club

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**Key Stage 4 | Years 10-11**

GCSE Spanish develops practical, confident communication and a real understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures, with authentic speaking and writing and a strong foundation for studying languages after 16.

## GCSE Spanish – Edexcel

| Listening | Speaking | Reading | Writing |
|---|---|---|---|
| Understanding spoken Spanish 25% | Role-play, picture -based task and conversation 25% | Understanding texts, plus translation into English 25% | Short and longer tasks, plus translation into Spanish 25% |

| What you study | How it is assessed |
|---|---|
| + Practical language for real situations<br>+ Cultural understanding of the Spanish-speaking world<br>+ Confidence speaking and writing<br>+ A springboard to post-16 language study | + Little and often: 10–15 minutes of vocabulary most days<br>+ Test him with flashcards or Quizlet<br>+ Encourage Spanish-language films, music and news |

### Course aims

+ Practical language for real situations
+ Cultural understanding of the Spanish-speaking world
+ Confidence speaking and writing
+ A springboard to post-16 language study

### Why it matters

+ A language GCSE broadens future study and career options and counts towards the EBacc.

### Help at home

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+ Encourage Spanish-language films, music and news