

Year 12 Spanish – an introduction

I am delighted you have decided to continue with your Spanish studies for A Level. In order to bridge the gap between the end of your GCSE studies and the start of the A Level course I would like to suggest some ways to help you maintain the excellent level of Spanish with which you ended Year 11.

Please find below some suggestions of activities you to complete before the beginning of Year 12.

- Review essential Spanish grammar – visit the websites <http://www.studyspanish.com/tutorial.htm> , <https://121spanish.com/spanish-grammar> and select a topic from the list available. Ensure you revise all tenses and any grammar points which you struggled with in Year 11;
- Regularly read online Spanish newspaper elpais.com – select a different section of the news which interests you – economy, sports, culture or music. This will help you keep up to date with Spanish current affairs;
- Watching of Spanish film clips on Youtube – *Todo Sobre Mi Madre*, *La Piel que Habito*, *El Mar Adentro*, *Las 13 Rosas* – these will help you become accustomed with the work of Spanish directors and give you an insight into Spanish cinematography;
- Introduction to Spanish literature – *Requiem por un campesino español* – Ramón Sender; *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* – Federico Garcia Lorca, *El Llano en Llamas* – Juan Rulfo, - even reading short extracts from these works will help your vocabulary and comprehension;
- Listen to Spanish radio, select a station according to your interests - <http://streema.com/radios/genre/Spanish>. You can find music, news or information programmes. Listen to a song or a news item and challenge yourself to work about what is being said;
- Listen to a Spanish singer or group – watch a video clip on Youtube;
- Research a tradition or custom from a Spanish speaking country, does it surprise you how different this might be to the UK?;
- Challenge yourself to have a conversation with a native speaker;

... and lastly – keep a log of all the activities you complete over the holidays and bring this to your first lesson. It really will help you start off the term on the right foot.

Hasta pronto, ¡espero que paséis unas buenas vacaciones!