



Thomas Mills
High School & Sixth Form

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW: Spanish Year 7

The Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form Spanish curriculum aims to build upon the foundations of language learning established at Key Stage 2 while fostering an appreciation of Hispanic cultures and communities. Through the study of carefully sequenced phonics, vocabulary and grammar, pupils develop the substantive knowledge needed to understand and communicate in Spanish. At the same time, they develop disciplinary knowledge through the four key language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Building on their prior language-learning experiences, pupils learn to understand and communicate personal and factual information, express simple opinions and begin to justify their ideas. They develop confidence in applying core grammatical structures, recognising patterns within the language and making connections between Spanish and English. Through discussion, role-play, translation and practical language application, pupils become increasingly accurate and independent communicators. A continued emphasis on secure knowledge of phonics, vocabulary and grammar supports progression through Key Stage 3, equipping pupils with the knowledge, skills and strategies needed to become successful language learners, communicate confidently with others, and develop an appreciation of different cultures, perspectives and communities around the world.

The following learning objectives support pupils' progress in Year 7 Spanish:

LO1 – Understanding and interpreting language

- Understand the main points, details and opinions in spoken and written Spanish.
- Demonstrate increasingly secure comprehension of a range of texts and language forms.

LO2 – Communicating in Spanish

- Communicate information, ideas and opinions in speaking and writing.
- Use vocabulary, phonics and grammatical structures with increasing accuracy, confidence and spontaneity.

LO3 – Language and culture

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Spanish vocabulary, phonics, grammar and culture.
- Make connections between languages, cultures and communities within the Hispanic world.



Year 7 Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
Term 1	- Numbers - Alphabet - Basic Verbs - Cognates - Family - Pets - Characteristics	Knowledge: Students will learn the Spanish alphabet and numbers, alongside a range of basic classroom vocabulary to support everyday communication in lessons. They will be introduced to key verbs such as tener (to have) and ser (to be), and begin to understand how these verbs are used in simple sentences. Pupils will also explore vocabulary related to family members and pets, as well as adjectives used to describe people and animals. In addition, they will learn essential question-and-answer phrases, enabling them to participate in simple conversations and respond confidently to familiar topics. Skills: Pupils will develop their ability to introduce themselves and others, exchange personal information, and talk about their family members and pets using simple Spanish. They will practise constructing and adapting basic sentences using the present tense, personal pronouns, and a range of simple connectives to extend their responses. Through regular listening, speaking, reading, and pronunciation activities, students will improve their comprehension and communication skills while building confidence and accuracy in spoken Spanish. They will also begin to recognise patterns in the	1. BBC Bitesize Spanish – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. KS3 Spanish - BBC Bitesize 2. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practise vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/ 3. Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ 4. Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ 5. Oak National Academy - Spanish Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in Spanish. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. https://www.thenational.academy/ 6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languageanut.com



		language and apply their knowledge independently in a variety of classroom contexts.	
Assessments: Pupils will be assessed through listening, speaking, reading, and writing tasks. These assessments will focus on their ability to introduce themselves, describe their family and pets, and demonstrate comprehension of simple Spanish texts. The assessments will help monitor progress in pronunciation, vocabulary retention, and grammatical accuracy.			
Term 2	- Free time activities - Hobbies - Music - Weather - Celebrity profiles - House, rooms and dream house	Knowledge: This term focuses on developing students' vocabulary and understanding of topics including hobbies, sports, music, weather, and the home. Pupils will learn the language needed to describe both their own home and their ideal or dream house, using a range of nouns, adjectives, and simple descriptive phrases. They will also explore aspects of Spanish-speaking culture through learning about well-known Spanish celebrities, sporting figures, and influential cultural icons. Grammar learning will include the use of opinion phrases, justification of preferences, and an introduction to recognising and understanding the past tense in familiar contexts. Students will also develop their knowledge of sentence structure and common language patterns to support more accurate communication.	BBC Bitesize Spanish – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. KS3 Spanish - BBC Bitesize Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practise vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/ Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/ Oak National Academy - Spanish Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in Spanish. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. https://www.thenational.academy/



		to create longer, more varied sentences. Through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities, students will improve their ability to understand and respond to familiar topics in Spanish. Regular conversational practice will help them recognise and distinguish between different tenses, apply language more independently, and build confidence, fluency, and accuracy in both spoken and written communication.	6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languagegenut.com
Assessments: Pupils will complete a variety of tasks in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These assessments will evaluate their ability to discuss free time activities and your home. A particular focus will be on sentence structure, opinion-based responses, and comprehension of simple Spanish dialogues.			
Term 3	- Places in town - Plans at the weekend - Rural and urban environments - School and future plans	Knowledge: In the final term, pupils will broaden their Spanish vocabulary to discuss a wider range of familiar and everyday topics, including places in town, weekend activities, rural and urban environments, and school life. They will learn the language needed to describe their home, neighbourhood, and local area, as well as talk about different school subjects and daily routines. Students will also be introduced to vocabulary and structures for discussing their future aspirations, ambitions, and career interests. Grammar topics will include describing locations, using language to navigate a town, asking for and giving directions, and applying key school-related phrases in context. Throughout the term, pupils will continue to build their	1. BBC Bitesize Spanish – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. KS3 Spanish - BBC Bitesize 2. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practise vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/ 3. Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ 4. Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/



		understanding of sentence structure and develop greater accuracy when communicating in Spanish. Skills: Pupils will practise asking for and giving directions, discussing weekend plans and activities, and describing their school and local environment using increasingly detailed language. They will develop their ability to express and justify opinions, preferences, and future aspirations through well-structured sentences and short conversations. Through a range of listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities, students will strengthen their communication skills and improve their confidence when using Spanish in realistic situations. They will also become more independent language learners by applying previously learned vocabulary and grammar to new contexts, helping them prepare for more complex language study in the future.	5. Oak National Academy - Spanish Year 7 – A collection of structured lessons designed to reinforce key topics in Spanish. It includes videos, quizzes, and interactive exercises to support independent learning. https://www.thenational.academy/ 6. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languagehut.com
Assessments: Listening and reading assessments will evaluate students' comprehension of spoken and written Spanish. They will also complete writing and speaking tasks focused on describing their town, discussing weekend activities, and expressing opinions about school subjects.			