



The Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form Spanish curriculum builds upon the foundations established in Year 7, enabling pupils to broaden and deepen their knowledge of Spanish language and culture. Through the study of carefully sequenced phonics, topic-specific vocabulary and increasingly complex grammar, pupils develop the substantive knowledge required to communicate with greater confidence and precision. They continue to develop disciplinary knowledge through listening, speaking, reading and writing, strengthening their ability to understand and use Spanish in a range of contexts.

Building on this foundation, pupils learn to communicate information and ideas that extend beyond their immediate needs and interests, expressing and justifying opinions with increasing confidence. They develop their understanding of present, past and future time frames, manipulate a wider range of grammatical structures, and improve their pronunciation, accuracy and fluency. Through discussion, role-play, translation and creative language tasks, pupils become increasingly spontaneous 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 (LO) support pupils' progress in Year 8 Spanish:

LO1 – Understanding and interpreting language

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

LO2 – Communicating in Spanish

- Communicate information, ideas and opinions in speaking and writing across a range of topics and time frames.
- Use vocabulary, phonics and grammatical structures with increasing accuracy, confidence, independence 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 Spanish-speaking world.



Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	- Holiday activities - Past holidays - Travel - Weather - Opinions on past holidays - Healthy living	Knowledge: Pupils will expand their vocabulary and understanding of language related to past and future holidays, travel, weather, and expressing opinions about experiences abroad. They will also explore themes connected to healthy lifestyles, including diet, exercise, and overall wellbeing. In grammar, pupils will develop their knowledge of the perfect and imperfect tenses, sequencing words, the future tense, and the use of intensifiers to add detail and emphasis. These topics will help pupils communicate with greater accuracy and confidence in a variety of real-life contexts. Skills: Pupils will develop their ability to discuss and compare past, present, and future events, particularly in relation to holidays and travel, using a range of tenses appropriately. They will practise expressing and justifying opinions on health-related topics, as well as forming more sophisticated sentences through the use of connectives, personal pronouns, and a wider range of vocabulary. Through regular speaking and listening activities, pupils will improve their pronunciation, fluency, and comprehension skills, enabling them to communicate more confidently and accurately in both written and spoken language.	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 8 – 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/ Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languageanut.com



Assessments		Assessment in this term will consist of two listening tasks, two reading tasks, one speaking, and one writing task. These standardised assessments will test pupils' understanding of vocabulary, their ability to describe and discuss holidays, and their use of key tenses.	
2	• Creating an online profile • Saying what you wear and like to wear • Style • Shopping habits • Clothes • Media and Technology • Music • Film • Television	Knowledge: This term focuses on developing vocabulary and cultural understanding related to online profiles, social media, shopping habits, fashion, music, television, and film. Pupils will learn how to discuss their online activities, describe personal tastes and preferences, and give informed opinions about different forms of entertainment and consumer choices. Grammar topics include the use of modal verbs, verbs with vowel changes, future and conditional tenses, possessive adjectives, and subordinate clauses. These language structures will enable pupils to communicate in a more detailed and sophisticated way across a range of contemporary topics. Skills: Pupils will strengthen their ability to discuss and evaluate aspects of media, technology, and online culture, as well as describe clothing styles, shopping preferences, and entertainment choices. They will practise expressing and justifying opinions on music, television programmes, and films, using a wider range of	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 8 – 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/



		vocabulary and more varied sentence structures. Through speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities, pupils will develop greater confidence in constructing structured responses, translating key phrases accurately, and engaging in extended discussions. They will also learn to apply more complex grammatical features to communicate fluently, accurately, and with increasing independence.	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
Assessments		Standardised assessments will include two listening, two reading, one speaking, and one writing task. These will evaluate pupils' ability to describe their style, free time activities, and use varied tenses accurately and effectively.	
3	- Daily routine - Relationships - Global and environmental problems - The Hispanic World - Trip to Spain	Knowledge: Pupils will explore a range of topics related to daily routines, relationships, environmental issues, and the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. They will develop the vocabulary and cultural knowledge needed to discuss family and friendships, describe everyday activities, and express views on environmental challenges and sustainability. Throughout the term, pupils will also deepen their understanding of the Spanish-speaking world through a final project that focuses on a Hispanic country or cultural theme. Grammar topics will include the consolidation and review of all key tenses studied, the use of opinion phrases, word order, and a range of	7. BBC Bitesize Spanish – Offers interactive lessons, quizzes, and videos to reinforce key vocabulary and grammar concepts. KS3 Spanish - BBC Bitesize 8. Duolingo – A fun and engaging app that helps students practise vocabulary and sentence structures through gamified exercises. https://www.duolingo.com/ 9. Languages Online – Provides interactive grammar and vocabulary exercises tailored to different proficiency levels. https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ 10. Quizlet – A flashcard-based tool where students can practise key terms and test themselves with various learning modes. https://quizlet.com/



	advanced conjunctions to support more detailed and accurate communication. Skills: Pupils will refine their ability to describe daily routines, discuss relationships, and express opinions on environmental and social issues using increasingly complex language. They will practise combining different tenses, extending their answers with justifications, and using advanced connectives to create more sophisticated spoken and written responses. Through reading, listening, speaking, and writing activities, pupils will develop greater fluency, accuracy, and confidence in communicating on a range of familiar and cultural topics. The final project on the Spanish-speaking world will also provide opportunities to strengthen independent research, organisation, and presentation skills, allowing pupils to demonstrate their language knowledge while developing a deeper appreciation of Hispanic cultures and traditions.	11. Oak National Academy - Spanish Year 8 – 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/ 12. Language Nut – an online platform the school subscribes to that has vocabulary games, exam style questions, grammar activities and phonics explanations. www.languageut.com
Assessment	This term includes one listening and one reading assessment. These will test understanding of key vocabulary and grammar in the context of daily routines, relationships, and cultural awareness of the Hispanic world.	