

Spanish

Curriculum Principles

Our uniting 'sentence' is: "'The languages team served our students with integrity and care to pass on the joy of learning an international language.' ".

By the end of their education, a student of Spanish at Dixons Unity Academy will:

- Confidently and independently express themselves in Spanish on a variety of different topics and for different purposes, demonstrating an excellent grasp of the language with fluency and spontaneity.
- Recognise that learning an international language is more than acquiring a useful skill for the job market. It rewards the learner with invaluable knowledge about themself, their own language and culture, as well as opening the door to the world's greatest writers, thinkers, scientists, musicians, and philosophers.

To achieve a true understanding of Spanish, topics have been intelligently sequenced based on the following rationale:

- The Spanish curriculum is based on the principles of Extensive Processing Input (E.P.I). This approach takes students through a pedagogical cycle each unit of work. In the initial phases of this cycle students are extensively exposed to targeted chunks of language and substantial amounts of reading and listening practice before engaging in any sort of productive outcome such as speaking or writing.
- In the input phase, language is presented in chunks containing relevant grammatical features that will increase in complexity. Through listening and reading activities, teachers 'flood' students with linguistic input that is highly patterned, repetitive, and rightly pitched to enable language acquisition.
- In the output phase, students engage in structured oral and written tasks that will allow them to produce the same language that was substantially practiced in the input phase.
- The expansion phase is designed to broaden students' language ability through the explicit teaching of grammar. The function of grammar is to enable students to communicate accurately and manipulate the learned chunks of language to express themselves creatively.
- The automaticity phase ends each sub-unit of work. Here a formative assessment takes place where students are encouraged to recall language by speaking or writing independently.
- Routinization is the last phase that takes place at the end of each term. Students are directed to enhance their language learning by engaging in the oral tasks designed to increase their fluency and foster spontaneity.
- Underpinning E.P.I is the recycling element. Students master language knowledge and skill by recycling core and recurring powerful verbs and phrases that amplify their language ability. Over the months and years, through E.P.I, retrieval practice, and interleaving, the students' ability gradually becomes automatic. They no longer have to think about the rules or pattern. Spanish becomes automatic.

The Spanish curriculum will address social disadvantage by addressing gaps in students' knowledge and skills":

- Improving students' confidence through communicative activities. At KS3 and KS4 students are required to participate in pair, group, and whole classroom tasks where they will be nurtured to develop the communicative skills. Communicative activities can foster interpersonal relationships.
- Developing resilience and rhetoric through vocabulary chanting, oral recall of lexical chunks, observing video song performances, role plays, photo card tasks or independently asking and answering questions.
- Writing in an international language. This further increases the students' understanding of the writing process in their first language by developing their grammatical knowledge, manipulating linguistic chunks to accurately express ideas, composing, revising, and editing drafts, as well as presenting their work to others.
- Scaffolding to support students with special educational needs. At KS3 sentence builders and Knowledge Navigators are used as a device that allows these students to access the curriculum at their own pace. Every word presented during a unit of work is presented to them in an accessible format. At KS4 students in this category are given extra support through access to extra intervention sessions to close any gaps that might arise during the course.

We fully believe that Spanish can contribute to the personal development of students at Dixons Unity Academy:

- Exposing students to different Hispano-speaking cultures. At KS3 students will learn about Spanish culture while at KS4 students will appreciate the traditions of Latino-American culture. This fosters acceptance, understanding and tolerance of other people, customs, and religions.
- Working with others to improve student's social competence. Pair and group activities to practice speaking allow students to develop empathy by understanding and tolerating their personal or cultural differences. Activities such as this help to cultivate community cohesion which is vital for the wider school community.



- Presenting students with different spiritual perspectives and expressing opinions about them. For example, at KS3 students will learn about the religious festival of 'Semana Santa' in Sevilla, Spain and the historical and cultural influence of religion in the history of Spain. At KS4 students will learn about the Mexican festival of 'El día de los Muertos' (Day of the dead) and the influence of mysticism in Latino-American Catholicism.
- Making students aware of their social responsibility. Through the topic of global and social issues students will learn about the importance of voluntary work and helping in the community while also being aware of poverty and injustice around the world. Moreover, students will learn about the work that charities do in combating social inequality, racism, and other societal problems.

Our belief is that homework should be interleaved revision of powerful knowledge that has been modelled and taught in lessons. This knowledge is recalled and applied through a range of low stakes quizzing and practice.

Opportunities are built in to make links to the world of work to enhance the careers, advice, and guidance that students are exposed to:

- Various opportunities to discuss the benefits of having an additional language to advance their career prospects. Through KS3 and KS4 students will be taught about future job opportunities such as academic researcher, translator, journalist, diplomatic service officer, international development worker and teacher.
- Explicit links are made to other subjects with reference to how students can use their linguistic skills in Spanish to establish and support other career opportunities.

A true love of Spanish involves learning about various cultural domains. We teach beyond the specification requirements, but do ensure students are well prepared to be successful in GCSE examinations:

- The MFL curriculum promotes SMSC and British Values. Openness, acceptance, and tolerance of minority groups is encouraged through discussions with students surrounding the differences among different cultures.
- Students in Year 9 are encouraged to attend a film club to increase their exposure to the target language and enhance their understanding of Hispano-speaking countries. This will supplement their need to engage with the culture and become well-rounded linguists.
- Built into the curriculum, KS4 will have supplementary lessons to provide them with important social and cultural capital that they might lack as a consequence of their socio-economic condition. This cultural and social knowledge is assumed in the Spanish curriculum and they range from activities such as skiing and windsurfing to knowledge about famous artists and their works of art, literature, and architecture.



Curriculum Overview

All children are entitled to a curriculum and to the powerful knowledge which will open doors and maximise their life chances. Below is a high-level overview of the critical knowledge children will learn in this subject, at each key stage from Year 7 through to Year 11, to equip students with the cultural capital they need to succeed in life. Our powerful, knowledge-rich curriculum teaches both **substantive knowledge** (facts; knowing that something is the case; what we think about) and **procedural knowledge** (skills and processes; knowing how to do something; what we think with). There are no skills without bodies of knowledge to underpin them. The curriculum is planned vertically and horizontally giving thought to the optimum knowledge sequence for building secure schema.

		Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3			
	New learning	Name, Age, Birthday, Hair and eyes, Where do you live and where are you from	Family relationships, Pets. Free time (positives), Free time (negatives)	School subjects, Teachers, Future plans, Cultural Sub-Unit			
YEAR	Revisited learning	Greetings, Numbers	Birthday, Describing hair and eyes, Where do you live	Family relationships, Pets. Free time (positives), Free time (negatives) Name, Age, Birthday, Hair and eyes, Where do you live and where are you from			
	Additional information	This cycle includes assessments		This cycle includes a cultural unit of work and assessment practice			
	New learning	Technology, Music, Tv shows, Free time in the past	Food, Health, Travel, Festivals.	Local amenities, Recycling, Jobs, Cultural Sub Unit.			
YEAR	Revisited learning	Year 7 Cycle 1: Name age, Birthday, Hair and Eys, Where do you live and where you are from					
	Additional information		This cycle includes assessments	This cycle includes a cultural unit of work and assessment practice			
YEAR	New learning	Talking about family, Talking about relationships, How to keep in touch via the internet, Talking about the use of mobile phones.		Talking about means of Transport,			
ΥE	Revisited learning	Year 8 Cycle1: Technology, Music, Tv shows, Free time in the past	Year 8 Cycle 2: Places in town, excuses, morning routine (time) clothes (near future	Year 8 Cycle3:Jobs, Future Jobs (me gustaría) - Yesterday at work, A typical day at work			
	Additional information		This cycle includes assessments	This cycle includes a cultural unit of work and assessment practice			
R	New learning	What you can do where you live Different ways of volunteering Talking about healthy eating	School and daily routine at school	Talking about future plans Giving opinions about online messaging			
YEAR	Revisited learning						
	Additional information	This cycle includes assessments		This cycle includes a mock exam			
YEA	New learning	Extending what you can say about sport Learning	Healthy and Unhealthy lifestyles Ways of protecting the	Revision, Retrieval and Exam preparation			



	about local customs Learning about latin american culture Saying what your house is like Talking about amenities in your area Charities and voluntary work	TalkingabouthomelessnessHolidayaccomodationSchoolrulesandUniformuniformChoices at 18: Work or University	
Revisited learning	holiday destinations Talking about regions of Spain Giving opinions about different subjects School and daily routine at school	Talking about future plans	
Additional information	This cycle includes a mock exam in L/R/W/S	This cycle includes a mock exam in L/R/W/S	Exam season





Y7 Long Term Plan

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	Induction						Assessme	nt Weeks					
	L1 – Telling	L3 –	L5 – Formative	L7– Saying	L9-Masculine	L11 – Speaking	L13- D.I.R.T	L15- Describing	L17 – Plurals	L19-Where I	L21-Saying	L23 –	L25-All about
	your age	Independent	- Age	someone else's	and Feminine	L12 – Reading /	L14 –	Hair	L18-	live	where I am	Consolidation	me –
-	L2 – Learning	Speaking	L6 – Saying	birthday	nouns	Listening &	Describing Eyes	L16 -Describing	Consolidation	L20-My house	from	& Formative +	Presentation
0	Numbers	L4- Using	your birthday	L8 – Writing	L10-	Writing		others orally	& Formative –		L22- Using Time	Re-Cap Where I	L26-Final
		connectives		short	Consolidation				Physical		Phrases	live	Formative Test
				descriptions	& Formative –				Descriptions			L24 – 4-3-2-1	
					Birthday							Technique	
							Assessme	ent Weeks					
	L1 – Describe	L3 – Describing	L5 –	L7– Describe	L9-Adjectival	L11 – Speaking	L13- D.I.R.T	L15- Pets you	L17 – Articles	L19- Free time	L21- Describing	L23 – Con &	L25-My pets
	your family	orally other's	Consolidation	others	Agreement	L12 – Reading /	L14 – Saying	would like to	L18-	activities	sports and	For- Free time	and my world-
2	L2 – Saying how	age	and Formative -	personality	L10-	Listening &	what pets you	have	Consolidation	L20- Weather	activities	+ Re-Cap	Presentation
0	you get on with	L4- Conjugate	Family	L8 – Adjectival	Consolidation	Writing	HAVE	L16 -Describing	and Formative		L22- Present	L24 – 4-3-2-1	L26-Final
	siblings	the verb tener	L6 – Describe	agreement	& Formative –			pets Orally	– Pets		Tense	Technique	Formative Test
			your physical		Family								
			appearance		Relationships								
									Assessme	ent Weeks			
	L1 – Describe	L3 – Speaking in	L5 –	L7– What you	L9-ER verbs	L11 – Speaking	L13- D.I.R.T	L15-Fluency	L17 – End of	L19 C.A Writing	L21-Cultural	L23 –Cultural	L25-Catch up
	your school	pairs about	Consolidation	do at break	Present Tense	L12 – Reading /	L14 – Re Cap	Training 4-3-2-	year	/ Reading	Lessons	Lesson- Art	L26-Catch up
ŝ	L2 – Giving	school	and Formative	L8 – Describing	L10-	Listening &	ALL SUB-UNITS	1	Presentation	L20- Cultural	Festivals	L24 – Cultural	
0	opinions on	L4- The present	– School	a day in School	Consolidation	Writing		L16 – End of	L18- C.A	lessons Food	L22-Cultural	Lessons - Music	
	subjects	tense	L6 – Describe		& Formative –			Year	Speaking /		Lessons		
			activities in		School			Presentation	Listening		Literature		
			school										





Y8 Long Term Plan

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	Induction						Assessme	nt Weeks					
C 1	SU1-L1 – Chateo con mis amigos SU1-L2 – Descargo applicaciones HWK: Universals 1		SU1L5 – Formative SU2L6 – Me gusta la música HWK: Universals 3	encanta el ritmo SU2L8 –	SU2L9 – Mi grupo favorito SU2L10 – Formative HWK: Universals 5 Revision	and Listening Assessment L12 – Writing Assessment	tele	SU3L15 – Las noticias SU3L16 – Las series policiacas HWK: Universals 7	Formative	cine SU4L20 – Bailé en mi cuarto	Formative HWK: Vocab	Reading Practice A.R.SL24 -Role	A.R.SL25- Formative Peer Assessed L26- South America
							Assessme	ent Weeks					
C 2	gustaría venir al cine?	polideportivo Phonics: á SU5 L4 – ¿Te gustaría ir al parque? Grammar: Prep of place	Formative:W Phonics: c/z SU6 L1- ¿Quieres salir?	siento, no puedo Phonics: que SU6 L3 – ¿Te gustaría ir a la playa mañana?	recog SU6 L5 – Formative:S Check HWK	¿Cómo te preparas? Phonics: ie SU7 L2 – Me ducho Check HWK Wk5	Siempre me peino Phonics: ei SU7 L4 – No salgo Grammar: Ref verbs	Formative: W Phonics: ue SU8 L1 –¿Qué vas a llevar?	una botas	zapatos Phonics: z	Writing – analyse a model 40/90- word task Phonics: j A.R.S L2 Writing – Write	Feedback & redrafting 40/90-word task Phonics: ae	A.R.SL25- Formative S Peer Assessed Role-play L26- Cultural – South America
									Assessme	nt Weeks			
C 3	SU9 L1 — Mi trabajo Phonics: j SU9 L2 — Soy cocinero Set HWK: Universals 9	limpiar habitaciones Phonics: me vs mi. SU9 L4 –	qué te gustaría trabajar? Check HWK Wk2 Set HWK:	No me gustaría nada	policía Grammar: Me gustaría + inf Phonics: ga/go/gu SU10 L5 Formative:W Check HWK	SU11 L1 ¿Qué ta layer en el trabajo? Phonics: ge/gi/j SU11 L2 Ayer llegué tarde Check HWK Wk5 Set HWK: Universals 1	por Skype Phonics: h SU11 L4	Phonics: í as final letter SU12 L1 – ¿Cómo es un día típico? Check HWK Wk7 Set HWK: Universals 3	trabajas? Phonics: j SU12 L3 – ¿Te gusta tu trabajo?	SU12 L4 - Organicé una visita Phonics:i/e/y Grammar: Present vs Preterite verb endings SU12 L5 - Formative:W Check HWK Wk9 Set HWK: Universals 5	A.R.S L2 -Role- play prep Check HWK Wk10	Formative S	





Y9 Long Term Plan

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	Induction						Assessme	nt Weeks					
C 1	Pupil induction week	SU1-L1 – Describing your family SU1-L2 – El pelo castaño	SU1L3 – Mi tia tranquila SU1L4 – Un padrastro trabajador	SU1L5 – Lleva trenzasFormati ve W SU2L1 – Estoy muy enamorado	SU2L2 – Me peleo con mi novia SU2L3 – Mi pareja es cariñosa	SU2L4 – Mi marido es comprensivo SU2L5– Mi mujer es feliz Formative:W	SU3L1 – Uso Twitter SU3L2 – Me encanta Tiktok	SU3L3 – La conexión es mala SU3L4 – Instragram es aburrido	SU3L5- Me chifla Facebook Formative:S SU4L1 – Uso mi móvil	SU4L3 – Es	SU4L4 – Es fácil mandar mensajes SU4L5 - Paso el tiempo en las redes Formative:W	A.R.SL23 – Role-play prep A.R.SL24 -Role Play.	A.R.SL25- Formative S Peer Assessed Role-play L26- Cultural Lesson
							Assessme	nt Weeks					
C 2	salir con mis amigos	gusta cantar en una banda SU5 L4 – Voy de compras con	gusta mucho leer libros Formative:W	sopa	SUG L4– Una barra de pan SUG L5 – Me gusta la tortilla Formative:S	deportes	interesa el patinaje	SU7 L5-Juego al baloncesto Formative: W SU8 L1 –La hora de cenar	Desayunamos cereales		Writing – analyse a	Feedback & redrafting 40/90-word task	L1 – Cultural Lesson 1 L2 – Cultural Lesson 2
									Assessme	nt Weeks			
C 3	SU9 L1 – La tomatina SU9 L2 – Me divertí mucho	tiramos tomates SU9 L4 –		en avión SU10 L3		SU11 L1 Voy a tomar el sol SU11 L2 Voy a sacar fotos	Tomaré el sol SU11 L4	SU11 L5 Va ser estupendo Formative:S SU12 L1 – Las comunidades indígenas de Mexico	Las comunidades	SU12 L4 – Frida Kalho SU12 L5 – Santería Formative:W	A.R.S L1 – Role- play prep A.R.S L2 -Role- play prep	Formative S Peer Assessed	





Y10 Long Term Plan

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	Induction						Assessme	ent Weeks					
C1	L1 – Pupil induction L2 SB + Listening L3 – SB + Reading	house and rooms L4 – Grammar L5 40-word	rooms L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	do where you live L4 Role-play (model)	do where you live L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	L4 90-word writing (I do / We do)	Assessments	healthy eating	(I do / We do)	Reusing things L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar HWK: Universals 9 + SB 9 Y8	photocard (I do / We do)	poverty L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading	Talking about poverty L4 Gen Conv (I/We) L5 Gen Conv (You do) L6 General conversation practice
							Assessme	ent Weeks					
C 2	Travelling to holiday destinations L4 – Grammar L5 40-word writing (I do / We do) L6 40-word writing (You do)	Talking about regions of Spain L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Talking about regions of Spain L4 Role-play (model) L5 Role-play (You do) L6 General Conversation practice	Giving opinions about different subjects L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar 5 Y8	Giving opinions about different subjects L4 90-word writing (I do / We do) L5 90-word writing (You do) L6 Past papers (L&R)	Assessments	School and Daily Routines L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar HWK: Universals 7 + SB 7 Y8	School and Daily Routines L4 S photocard (I do / We do) L5 S Photocard (You do) L6 General Conversation practice	Options at 16 L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar HWK: Universals 9 + SB 9 Y8	Options at 16 Reusing things L4 W photocard (I do / We do) L5 W photocard (You do) L6 Past papers (L&R	Talking about different jobs L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar HWK: Universals 11 + SB 11 Y8	Talking about different jobs L4 Gen Conv (I/We) L5 Gen Conv (You do) L6 General conversation practice	Travelling to holiday destinations L4 – Grammar L5 40-word writing (I do / We do) L6 40-word writing (You do)
									Assessme	nt Weeks			
C 3	Talking about relationships L1 – Listening L2 SB + Listening L3 – SB + Reading	Talking about relationships L4 – Grammar L5 40-word writing (I do / We do) L6 40-word writing (You do)	Future Plans L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Future Plans L4 Role-play (model) L5 Role-play (You do) L6 General Conversation practice	Mobile technology and overuse L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Mobile technology and overuse L4 90-word writing (I do / We do) L5 90-word writing (You do) L6 Past papers (L&R)	Mocks	Online Activities L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Online Activities L4 S photocard (I do / We do) L5 S Photocard (You do) L6 General Conversation practice	Free time L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Free time Reusing things L4 W photocard (I do / We do) L5 W photocard (You do) L6 Past papers (L&R	Eating out L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	Easting out L4 Gen Conv (I/We) L5 Gen Conv (You do) L6 General conversation practice





Y11 Long Term Plan

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
	Induction						Assessme	nt Weeks					
C 1	L2 SB + Listening L3 – SB + Reading	you can say about sport L4 – Grammar	local customs L1 SB + Listening L2 SB + Reading L3 Grammar	local customs L4 Role-play (model) L5 Role-play (You do)	L1 SB +	Latin American Culture L4 90-word writing (I do /	Assessments	your house is like	your house is like L4 S photocard (I do / We do) L5 S Photocard	your area	amenities in your area L4 W photocard (I do / We do)	Voluntary Work L1 SB +	voluntary work L4 Gen Conv (I/We) L5 Gen Conv
							Assessme	nt Weeks					
C 2	L1 – Listening +	and live marking Environment L1 – Listening + Reading	L3 – 90 I DO and WE DO L4 – 90 YOU DO and live marking	L2 General Convo L3 – 90 I DO and WE DO L4 – 90 YOU DO	School subjects L1 – Listening + Reading L2 General Convo L3 – 90 I DO and WE DO	L4 – 90 YOU DO and live marking Jobs	Assessments	marking Options post- 16 L1 – Listening + Reading	L3 – 90 I DO and WE DO L4 – 90 YOU DO and live marking	L3 – 90 I DO and WE DO L4 – 90 YOU DO and live marking Revision L1 – Listening	L4 – High stakes	Revision L2 – Reading L3 – Speaking L4 – High stakes assessment writing	Revision L1 – Listening L2 – Reading L3 – Speaking

