

# Whitworth Community High School

## Spanish Department

<p><b>Faculty Leader:</b> Mrs D. Goff  <b>Spanish Teachers:</b> Mrs J Hopkins &amp; Miss R Martinez</p>	<h3>Year 7 Learning Overview</h3>
<p><b>Organisation of the classes:</b>          Students receive 1 lesson of Spanish per week in Year 7 and are set before October half term.</p>	
<p><b>Key Concepts:</b>          In Year 7 you will build up the foundations of language learning skills, to help you effectively communicate and increase your confidence in speaking Spanish. You learn a variety of vocabulary and structures forming the basis for all future language manipulation. You learn how to ask and answer questions, give opinions and request help. You will learn some key grammar: basic verb formations; subject pronouns; nouns, gender and articles; adjectival agreement; opinions; negatives; tense formations (present and immediate future tenses).</p>	<p><b>What skills do I use in this subject?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Thinking skills (spotting language patterns and applying grammar rules)</li> <li>❖ Comprehension skills (listening, reading and translation)</li> <li>❖ Communication skills (speaking and writing)</li> <li>❖ Expressing and justifying opinions and points of view</li> <li>❖ Literacy skills: spelling, punctuation and grammar, drawing comparisons and noting key differences between Spanish and your mother tongue</li> </ul>
<p><b>What will you be learning?</b>          You will be learning how to meet and greet other people; classroom language, questions and instructions; numbers and alphabet; personal information: family members and relationships, pets; how to describe and give your opinion of others.          You will also learn how to describe your school, the subjects you study and give your opinion of them; how to tell the time and describe your school timetable; uniform; school rules and your future education and life plans.</p>	<p><b>How will you be learning?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Listening to authentic spoken Spanish (recordings) and the teacher</li> <li>❖ Reading a variety of texts, including authentic Spanish material (eg: poems, short stories)</li> <li>❖ Vocabulary learning (via tests, apps, games, etc)</li> <li>❖ Verbal and written work - taking risks with new language</li> <li>❖ Completing home learning and applying revision techniques taught</li> <li>❖ Practising language independently (alone or with others)</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will your learning be assessed?</b>          Participation in group and class work is continually observed. Peer and self-assessment take place in lessons. Some assessment will take place (formally through testing or informally in class) after each unit of work is completed. All four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) will be assessed and awarded a grade over the course of the year; these grades are tracked along a “flightpath” which covers the whole of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (GCSE).</p>	<p><b>Home Learning</b>          You will receive two 2 Home Learning booklets over a year.          Your teacher may also give you learning homework (for example: a list of vocabulary needed for the topics being studied).          You will also have workbooks for both home and class learning which you will be expected to keep up to date.</p>
<p><b>Equipment needed?</b>          School required equipment is mandatory. It is also a good idea for you to have a Spanish / English (bilingual) dictionary which you can bring with you to lessons. Your teacher may set you work via Google Classroom, so an internet connection at home will be useful. (If this is not possible, you will be able to use school computers in Homework Club, etc).</p>	<p><b>How can your parents support your learning?</b>          Friends and family can support you by testing you and/or learning the language with you. You can use various websites on the internet (eg: Espanol-extra - ask your teacher for the username and password) to practise listening and reading Spanish vocabulary, through exercises, games, etc.</p>
<p><b>SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations</b>          Encourage tolerance and respect for and a curiosity about other cultures and civilisations.          Encourage collaboration and group working skills; with mutual respect.          Encourage independence and resilience in pupils (to promote a “do not give up” attitude).          Challenge pupils to go above and beyond the classroom and to explore the world of language learning independently (through research, extra-curricular activities, projects, etc).</p>	<p><b>What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?</b>          Language Club is held every Thursday after school until 4pm; come along and have fun with the language; get a Spanish penfriend; learn other languages or just get help with anything at all you are struggling with in your learning.          You are always welcome to come and ask the teachers for help with work at any other time too.</p>