Welcome to A-level Spanish

Your activities to complete during the Summer:

1. **Complete the grammar booklet and revise tenses in particular.**
2. **Spanish Quiz – find out as much as you can about the below:**
3. What is the capital of Spain?
4. How many autonomous communities (comunidades autónomas, CCAA) are there in Spain?
5. Who is the King of Spain? How long has he been in reign? What else can you find out about the Spanish Royal Family?
6. In 1937 Picasso painted ‘Guernica’ – what museum can you find this in and what does the painting represent?
7. What do regions such as Catalonia and the Basque Country have in common?
8. What is ‘La Basilica de la Sagrada Familia’? Who designed it and where is it?
9. How many countries share a border with Bolivia?
10. What is and where is the Alhambra?
11. What landscape is Almería famous for?
12. Who was Francisco Franco?
13. Who is the president of Spain?
14. How does the Spanish government work?
15. Which are the other Spanish speaking countries in the world? Make a tabular list of all these countries, with their president/prime minister, capitals, currency, population and any other interesting facts.
16. **Watch a Spanish film/Series (use English subtitles to support you!) –**

* Viva Cuba – Juan Carlos Cermata Malberti (available to purchase on amazon)
* A través de mi ventana – Marçal Forés (available on Netflix)
* Pans Labyrinth – Guillermo del Toro
* La casa de papel (Money Heist) – series available on Netflix

1. **Research on Hispanic culture**

Identify some famous Hispanic figures and note down who they are and what they are famous for, some examples below;

* Salvador Dalí
* Lorca
* Picasso
* Cristobel Columbus
* Gaudi

Research into famous Hispanic festivals;

* 5 May
* Día de los Muertos
* San Fermín

1. **Individual Research Project**

As part of the speaking exam at A level, you talk about a topic of your choice but linked to the Spanish-speaking world. It is best to do this on an area of interest to you so we would like you to start thinking about what you may want to talk about and do a little research:

1. Think of something that interests you e.g. sport, music, identity politics, etc.  
    *Example: Music*
2. Narrow this down to an example of this in a Spanish-speaking country. You will need to research this online.  
    *Example: Reguetón*
3. Find out about the origins of your topic and compare with today.  
    *Example: The origins of this music; how it has grown in popularity; the growth of the Latino community, etc.*
4. Prepare bullet points in Spanish. You can use phrases from your research. Make sure you understand what they all mean.

Other ideas you could look into;

How successful is the Spanish high speed train network?

(An economic and environmental analysis

This might include a description of the network and the history of its construction, the technology used, facts and figures about speeds, capacity and passenger numbers, costs, future development, its function within a Europe wide transport network, economic and environmental benefits. )

· To what extent are women equal citizens in Spanish society? Law and reality

· The Spanish Civil War: what were its causes and consequences?

· How has membership of the EU affected the development of Spain?

· What demographic challenges are faced by Mexico City and how is the city responding?

· An analysis of wind energy policy in Spain

· Bull-fighting in Spain: its origins, historical development and current debates

· The role of tourism in Barcelona: successes and challenges for the future

· An evaluation of La sombra del viento, a novel by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

· The rivalry between Real Madrid and Barcelona football clubs: its history and modern manifestations

· An analysis of Pedro Almodóvar’s film Volver

· Why is Salvador Dalí so well-known as an artist? An analysis of three major works.