



# Ripon Grammar School

**Dear future Spanish A-level student,**

We look forward to welcoming you in September. To help with the transition from Year 11 into Sixth Form and ensure that you are well prepared for the A level Spanish course, we have set some preparation tasks.

Please email **Mr Higson** and **Mr Jones**, the A level Spanish teachers, at [higsont@ripongrammar.com](mailto:higsont@ripongrammar.com) , and [jonesm@ripongrammar.com](mailto:jonesm@ripongrammar.com) to introduce yourself. Let us know which school you have studied at and for how long you have been learning Spanish, why you are interested in studying Spanish at A level, and which aspects of the course you are most looking forward to — whether it's the language, grammar, culture, literature, or film.

## **Transition activities**

Successful language learning requires a little and often approach, and it can be daunting to have gone an entire summer without having done any practice. We have therefore included some links (below) to useful A-level transition resources (and answers) which you may want to practise over the summer in order to keep up your language.

[Spanish Holiday Task](#)

[Spanish Transition Work](#)

[Spanish Transition Work Answers](#)

## **Literature and Film background research**

In recent years, we have studied the film 'Ocho apellidos vascos,' directed by Emilio Martínez Lázaro in Year 12 and the novel 'El coronel no tiene quien le escriba' by Gabriel García Márquez' in Year 13. These offer fascinating insights into justice, poverty, and regional culture and identity as well as Spanish and South American history.

As part of your preparation, you may wish to familiarise yourself with the concept of Spain's regional identity and how it pertains to the plot for the film 'Ocho apellidos vascos' about a boy from the south of the country who travels to the north in order to pursue a girl he met in his bar in the south.

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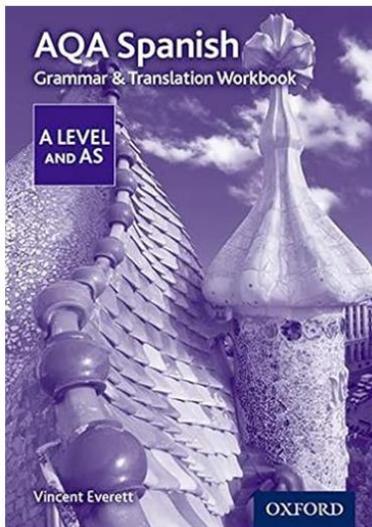
## Vocabulary and Grammar Practice

A good level of understanding of the grammar points and vocabulary at GCSE will give you a strong foundation. However, it would be particularly beneficial to ensure that you feel confident with

- All the tenses (past, present and future) which have been covered at GCSE level.
- When to use full (infinitive) verbs as well as what prepositions come after them.

## Resources

We will provide you with all the textbooks and reading materials you require, however you may find it beneficial to purchase the AQA A-level and AS grammar and translation workbook by Vincent Everett, and published by Oxford (see image) which we will be using once we start the course (see image below).



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us. We are excited to support you in the next stage of your language journey and can't wait to get started in September!

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*Teachers of Spanish*  
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