



Spanish Department
De La Salle College, Dundalk.



Spanish

Leaving Certificate Spanish is a broad course designed to equip you with the ability to effectively communicate in Spanish. As well as the study of the language, this course aims to equip the student with an understanding of Spanish society and culture.

Why choose Spanish?

Apart from being very enjoyable, the ability to communicate in Spanish is a very useful life skill. Being able to talk Spanish brings a whole world of opportunity. Spanish is the official language in 27 countries as well as being spoken in many parts of the world. It is also the second language of the USA. Employers like employees with strong language skills, knowledge of Spanish opens a range of career possibilities: travel and tourism, translation, international business, teaching, international law, Department of foreign affairs, import and export industries, retail, IT - localisation of software products. Many courses in the NUI Universities require a third language, Spanish fulfils this requirement. Check with your career guidance teacher if you need a language.

Differences between the JC and LC

Leaving Cert Spanish is a natural progression from Junior Cert. The basics of the language from Junior Cert are built on and a more in depth knowledge of the language is acquired. Oral work: There is a far greater emphasis on oral work at Leaving Cert which encourages the student to communicate on a variety of topics.

Written work

This progresses from the basics of a letter at Junior Cert to dialogue construction, formal letter and emails, diary entries, notes and opinion pieces. Reading and aural work: The texts are topical and relevant to everyday life as well as being more complex.

What will I study?

As well as more in depth study of topics already covered such as self, family and home the Leaving Certificate course also covers areas such as current affairs, youth, health, technology, leisure, literature, art and many more. Higher Level students have the option to study a novel. The four skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking will be developed through the study of these areas.

How will I be assessed?

Oral exam - 25% for Higher level 20% for Ordinary level (exam is usually in April of 6th year)

Listening exam - 20% for Higher level, 25% for Ordinary level

Written exam - 55% for Higher and Ordinary levels

Spanish Teachers

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