

SUMMER Spanish Bridging Work 2026

I am delighted you have decided to continue with your Spanish studies for A Level. In order to bridge the gap between the end of your GCSE studies and the start of the A Level course I would like to suggest some ways to help you maintain the excellent level of Spanish with which you ended Year 11. Please find below a range of different activities for you to complete before the beginning of Year 12. For your A Level course, it is essential that you have a broad knowledge of society, culture, customs, artists, musicians in Spanish speaking countries.

All the tasks are designed to develop your Spanish skills and your knowledge of Hispanic countries. **Some are compulsory and some are optional (marked with C or O below).** The optional tasks are also highly recommended, and you should aim to complete at least half of these prior to the start of Autumn term.

Please note, there will be an assessment in the Autumn term, in roughly week 3/4, in the form of a progress check and grammar check. Both will include aspects of the bridging work completed earlier this year in the summer term as well as the compulsory tasks below, including grammar.

Grammar Tasks

You will be tested on these when you begin in Autumn. You need to know how to conjugate the verbs for all pronouns. It is important you test yourself as you go along. Completing the quizzes on Bitesize could also be helpful as a recap. www.conjuguemos.com is good as a means of testing yourself. Don't worry, this isn't as much as it looks - you will already know most of these!

Task	C/O	Date completed	Notes/Comments
Recap present tense of regular verbs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgw7nk7#zft9239	C		
Recap present tense of irregular verbs - Ser - Estar - Tener - Ir - Hacer - Querer - Poder - Decir - Venir https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrm2fdm#zvjt7h	C		
Recap preterite tense of regular verbs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxybdnb	C		
Recap preterite tense of irregular verbs - Ser - Estar - Tener - Ir - Hacer - Querer - Poder - Decir - Venir https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6vgwsg#zs49239	C		

Recap imperfect tense of regular verbs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zlyf9ty#zpd63qt	C		
Recap simple future tense of regular verbs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2b3dnb#z84ykhv	C		
Recap simple future tense of verbs with irregular stems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tener - Hacer - Poder - Poner https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2b3dnb#z84ykhv	C		
All students should use LanguageNut for at least 30 mins per week. Work on grammar and verbs and vocab trainer. This programme will help you to consolidate your grammar and will introduce you to new vocabulary. If you are new to JCG, please contact Mr Marett at p.marett@jcg.sch.je. He will create a LanguageNut account for you, if this is before the end of term. If it is during the summer holidays, please work independently on grammar and verb practice. You could use www.conjuguemos.com . You can also find a number of different links for studying different verb tenses at the bottom of this document.	C		

Society & Culture Tasks

Task	C/O	Date completed	Notes/Comments
Complete 30 minutes research on a Hispanic painter, architect or sculptor. Make a note of any outstanding works – where and why is this person famous?	C		
Listen to a Hispanic singer or group for 10 minutes – watch a video clip on youtube – write some notes in English about this artist – genre of music, instruments, where is this artist popular? https://los40.com/ - Spanish Top 40 website for inspiration Lyrics training Lyric training to start learning some songs and to practice your listening skills	C		
Complete about 30 minutes research on traditions or customs from a Spanish speaking country, does it surprise you how different this might be to the UK? Make a note of your findings	C		
Set yourself 20 minutes to find out information on a Hispanic idol – movie star, sports star or singer – what do	C		

they do that makes them so famous? Are idols always good role models?			
Complete 30 minutes research on the laws on divorce and marriage in Hispanic countries – do all countries allow divorce, same sex marriages or adoption by same sex couples?	O		
Read the national newspapers (El País, El Mundo and La Vanguardía) Try to find some new and useful vocabulary. This will also help you to build some new facts.	O		
Watch Spanish film clips on youtube or Netflix series, such as <i>La Casa de Papel</i> , <i>La Casa de las Flores</i> , <i>Alta Mar</i> , <i>Ocho Apellidos Vascos</i> , <i>Todo Sobre Mi Madre</i> , <i>La Piel que Habito</i> , <i>El Mar Adentro</i> , <i>Las 13 Rosas</i> – these will help you become accustomed with the work of modern Spanish directors and give you an insight into Spanish cinematography/TV series.	O		
Go online and read about how the Black Lives Matter movement is making change in Spain/Spanish speaking countries around the world. What is happening right now?	O		
Spend 15 minutes listening to Spanish radio; select a station according to your interests - http://streema.com/radios/genre/Spanish http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio-nacional/directo/ https://los40.com/ You can find music, news or information programmes. Listen to a song or a news item and challenge yourself to work out what is being said	O		
Speaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge yourself to have a conversation with a native speaker. • Find a Spanish contact to start improving your conversational fluency. • Order the Spanish version of a new/favourite book and read aloud 2 pages a day (looking up any unknown words). • Try out Spanish restaurants in Jersey, such as Sangria / Casa Paco, and ask the staff if it is possible for you to speak only in Spanish during your meal. 	O		

... and lastly – keep a list of the dates on which you complete the activities over the holidays and bring this to your first lesson. It really will help you start off the term on the right foot.

Hasta pronto, ¡espero que pases unas buenas vacaciones!

Grammar Focus

For general grammar practice at any time:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LightSpeedSpanish>

<http://www.studyspanish.com/tutorial.htm>

<https://121spanish.com/spanish-grammar>

Present tense

For all tenses, revise all regular verbs plus common irregulars including *-ir, ser, estar, tener, querer, poner, poder*

Formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-T-v9PJno>

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Preterite tense

Formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4SiKCStHuU&t=11s>

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Imperfect

Formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCWMBwNDVD4>

Preterite v Imperfect : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SooMUJrq4c8>

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Perfect

Formation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_yeb6qkMbs

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Future

Formation (regulars): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_PJWk9UGSk

Formation (irregulars): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWJ3cluipBg>

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Conditional

Formation : <https://youtu.be/liVruvmJ-og>

Practice : <https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1>

Present Subjunctive

Formation: <https://youtu.be/kf-CRIRufYs>

Use: https://youtu.be/pG_2m9_sTTY

(*Challenge yourself!) Imperfect Subjunctive

Formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9DUZZ7kkV0>

Practice: <https://youtu.be/5VkcYZGvNII>