AQA GCSE Spanish
Course Overview: Content and Assessment

Course Content		
Theme 1 **Identity and culture**	**Theme 2** **Local, national, international and global areas of interest**	**Theme 3** **Current and future study and employment**
Topic 1: Me, my family and friends • Relationships with family and friends • Marriage/partnership **Topic 2: Technology in everyday life** • Social media • Mobile technology **Topic 3: Free-time activities** • Music • Cinema and TV • Food and eating out • Sport **Topic 4: Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities**	**Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region** **Topic 2: Social issues** • Charity/voluntary work • Healthy/unhealthy living **Topic 3: Global issues** • The environment • Poverty/homelessness **Topic 4: Travel and tourism**	**Topic 1: My studies** **Topic 2: Life at school/college** **Topic 3: Education post-16** **Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions**

Assessment			
There are four exams at the end of the course, in **Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing** and each exam is worth **25%** of the overall grade. GCSE Spanish has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9) You are entered for the same tier for all four papers.			
	Length of exam	**Total marks awarded**	**Question Types**
Listening	**Foundation** 35 mins + 5 mins reading time **Higher** 45 mins + 5 mins reading time	**Foundation** 40 marks **Higher** 50 marks	**Foundation and Higher** • **Section A** – questions in English, to be answered in English • **Section B** – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish
Speaking	**Foundation** 7–9 mins + prep time **Higher** 10–12 mins + prep time	**Foundation and Higher** 60 marks	**Foundation and Higher** **1. Role-play** - 2 minutes at Foundation and Higher *15 marks* **2. Photo card** - 2 minutes at Foundation; 3 minutes at Higher *15 marks* **3. General conversation** – 3–5 minutes at Foundation 5–7 minutes at Higher *30 marks*
Reading	**Foundation** 45 minutes **Higher** 1 hour	**Foundation and Higher** 60 marks	**Foundation and Higher** **Section A** – questions in English, to be answered in English **Section B** – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish **Section C** – translation from Spanish into English (35 words for Foundation and 50 words for Higher)
Writing	**Foundation** 1 hour **Higher** 1 hour 15 minutes	**Foundation** 50 marks **Higher** 60 marks	**Foundation** **Question 1** – Response to a photo *8 marks* **Question 2** – short passage 40 words *16 marks* **Question 3** – translation from English into Spanish *10 marks* **Question 4** – structured writing task 90 words *16 marks* **Higher** **Question 1** – structured writing task 90 words *16 marks* **Question 2** – open-ended writing task 150 words *32 marks* **Question 3** – translation from English into Spanish 50 words *12 marks*