

■ IB Spanish ab initio SL

Introduction

The aim of the course is to introduce the student to a variety of situations likely to be encountered in everyday social situations, to be able to function efficiently in an alien environment and to be able to communicate effectively. The focus of the course is to be centred on language acquisition thus elementary contemporary grammar and vocabulary will be the central keystone. The course will include all four of the skills required i.e. listening, speaking reading and writing. A further aim is to be able to communicate clearly and in situations encountered in both Spanish and Hispanic countries. Integral to this aspect will be to introduce the student to the multicultural nature of the language, including the increasing use of Spanish in countries which are becoming more closely allied to Iberian and Hispanic culture. This will also be closely linked to increasing the students' knowledge in relation to those aspects of ethnocentrism which are prevalent in non-Spanish speaking countries, relating specifically to multiculturalism.

Content

The course will develop competence in Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing in a range of registers. Students will learn these through the topics based around: the individual, education and work, town and services, food and drink, leisure and travel, the environment, health and emergencies. The topics will also include extra material on the following.

- La rutina cotidiana
- La familia
- Costumbres y tradiciones
- Actividades sociales
- La compra
- Media
- La cultura
- La salud
- La comida
- El deporte
- El medioambiente

Assessment

The external assessment comprises two written papers. These include questions based on a number of texts and short writing tasks chosen from a choice of questions. These two papers make up 70% of the total marks. The oral component, making up the remaining 30% of the marks, is assessed internally and externally moderated. This is an individual oral based on a stimulus chosen by the candidate, plus an additional interactive oral activity.