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A Level Specification studied	AQA Spanish
A Summer task to get you thinking about your potential new A Level…	Learning a language is not just about the words, it's about the culture of the countries where the language is spoken. To prepare for the A level, spend time researching the history, geography, politics, art and architecture, music, cinema, famous people (artists, authors, musicians), typical foods and traditions of Spain and a selection of Spanish speaking countries in Latin America. Having an insight into the Hispanic world prior to starting the course will make it much more interesting for you and will really bring the course alive!
Five fun learning challenges to undertake before September	• Create a Kahoot with 15 general knowledge questions about Spain and/or Latin America to be used as a starter in lessons at the beginning of the course • Learn the capital cities of the countries in Latin America and where each country is located on a map of the region • Research the different regions of Spain and write a summary for each highlighting the key facts – as well as some fun ones, traditions and customs specific to the region etc • Learn a few phrases in the Spanish regional languages – Catalan, Galician and Basque – and practise rolling the Spanish double 'rr'! • Prepare / bake a typical Spanish and / or Latin American dish
Something to read:	If you go to the following website, you can listen and read a number of short stories at different levels from beginners to advanced: http://snappyspanish.com/ BBC Mundo – news articles from the Spanish speaking world (also videos) which help you to keep up with current affairs Spanish Short Stories: Cuentos en español - Parallel texts (available to order online) There are a selection of these to choose from if you'd like to purchase one.
Something to watch/listen	Race Across the World (Latin America) – BBC iPlayer – a fun programme to watch where you'll get a good introductory feel for this amazing region! Spanish language films/programmes on Netflix and/or iPlayer to get used to hearing different Spanish and Latin American accents – they vary widely across the Spanish speaking world YouTube – Easy Spanish – a huge range of videos which are great for listening practice (you can cover the dialogue to make it more challenging) There are loads of tutorials on YouTube to support your learning – **Butterfly Spanish** is a good one as is **Tio Spanish.**

Other useful / links for study	AQA A Level Spanish: Grammar and Translation Workbook by Vincent Everett (available for online purchase) – you should purchase this and make a start working through it to revise the grammar you've already covered at GCSE It's really important that you are confident with the different verb tenses studied at GCSE, so do make sure that you spend time revising these before the A level course begins (present, imperfect, perfect, preterite, conditional, simple future, near future). These are two good websites to get started: www.languagesonline.org.uk www.studyspanish.com/grammar The Open University are offering lots of free courses that focus on learning Spanish from beginners level to advanced, so you could also take a look at these: https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue Memrise – You can begin to learn the key vocabulary for the initial topics studied in Year 12 topics by using the following links: https://www.memrise.com/course/2002613/los-valores-tradicionales-y-modernos/ https://www.memrise.com/course/2002629/actitudes-hacia-el-matrimonio-y-el-divorcio/ https://www.memrise.com/course/2002649/la-influencia-de-la-iglesia-catolica/ https://www.memrise.com/course/2011465/la-influencia-de-internet/ https://www.memrise.com/course/2012847/las-redes-sociales-beneficios-y-peligros/ https://www.memrise.com/course/2012841/los-moviles-inteligentes-en-nuestra-sociedad/
Advice from Year 12 students* (*I can source these soundbites if you like)*	"My major piece of advice is to really know your tenses and keep practising them over the summer, because not knowing them can make translations, speaking and listenings much more difficult than they need to be, and be sure you know how to translate these and tell the difference between similar tenses, such as preterite and imperfect, or simple future, conditional and near future. Also, if you can, finding a Spanish penpal (that you can text or send letters to) is a fun way to keep practising writing and reading skills over the summer"

	“My advice to the year 11s would be to really make sure you learn your tenses (conjugations and irregulars) and make sure you practise using them too - also (once you start learning the topics in year 12) to try and look at the vocab before lessons as this really helps with the exercises” “My advice would be to focus on your least enjoyable area of Spanish, such as grammar, as I think that it’s really important to spend this time cracking the bits that you really don’t enjoy, so that when you start in Year 12 you’ll be able to focus on the bits that you do enjoy! Immerse yourself in Spanish – listen to Spanish radio, watch some Spanish programmes on Netflix, and start to train your ear to listen to Spanish people as they do speak very fast, so doing things little and often makes all the difference”