

# Spanish Curriculum Guide

## Year 8

### What will my son learn?

#### Autumn term

- Talk about means of transport, accommodation and facilities
- Making a reservation
- Talk about holiday activities
- Describe what can/can't be done in your region and give reason why
- Say what the weather was like
- Talk about free time activities in the past tense
- Account of past holidays

#### Spring Term

- Understand different media-based activities
- Talk about what you like to watch on TV and why
- Talk about film genres and say what types you like and why
- Describe what a film is about
- Give advantages and disadvantages of different types of media
- Introducing yourself
- Saying how you feel
- Getting on with friends and family
- Invitations and arrangements to go out
- Buying cinema tickets
- Making excuses

#### Summer Term

- Discussing differences in daily routine
- Say what you do and have to do to help at home
- Talk about mealtimes in different cultures
- Discuss cooking a typical dish
- Talk where you live and what there is
- Talk about clothes and give your opinion of them
- Different styles and eras of fashion
- Talk about different places where you can buy clothes
- Describe the clothes you wear for special occasions and different activities

### How will my son be assessed?

- Students will be asked to fill in self-assessment forms to identify their skills
- In-class assessment where students will be given verbal feedback
- Homework and flexible assessment such as projects and research
- Students will be tested on a weekly basis including short vocabulary and grammar tests.
- An end of unit test testing them on each of the four skills on a specific topic will also take place every half term.
- Assessment for Learning will be present in lessons as an on-going and continuous process. Students will be asked to reflect and act upon teacher's feedback after they have completed an extended task

### How can I support my son with Spanish?

- A simple bilingual dictionary will be very useful for your child. These are easily available through most book shops.
- Sharing the learning of the new vocabulary for either language with your child should be a fun activity and will make them feel much more positive about the difficulties of learning a completely new language.
- Always ensure that your son has a quiet place in which to work and monitor the amount and quality of work that he completes at home.
- Encourage your son to teach you the language he has acquired in lessons and to use the language websites as it's free and very efficient.
- Encourage your son to go to the college library where there is an area that has been stocked with French and reading material to develop independent reading.
- Ensure that he completes his homework

