

Introduction

The specification for Spanish in a “normal” year comprises of 4 units which together count towards the overall award of the Spanish GCSE.

Unit 1 Speaking – this is a non-examination assessment of 10-12 minutes

Unit 2 Listening - this is a written examination of 50 minutes

Unit 3 Reading – this is a written examination of one hour 15 minutes

Unit 4 Writing – this is a written examination of one hour 30 minutes

There are “normally” three themes comprising of 9 sub-themes and 18 sub-sub-themes.

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No units were removed for the 2021 examinations, however the following adaptations were announced:

Unit 1 Speaking: Task 2 (photo card discussion) was removed from assessment in 2021

The following sub-sub-themes were removed from the exam in 2021

- i) 1B Technology and social media
- ii) 7B Festivals and celebrations
- iii) 5A Local and regional features and characteristics of Spain and Spanish--speaking countries
- iv) 8B Social issues
- v) 9A Post-16 study

In addition, the translation from English into Spanish will not appear in the unit 4 writing paper in 2021.

This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 11 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Spanish

These sources are in line with the document "WJEC guidance on assessment and grading for summer 2021 alternative arrangements" and where assessments have been created by the department, they have been done in line with the "WJEC Creation Guide and information video"

Assessment point 1 = Unit 4 Writing questions completed in lesson under **high control** on topics covered to that point using WJEC past papers and mark schemes Conducted on Wednesday 2nd December.

Assessment point 2 = Unit 3 Reading questions completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week beginning the 7th of December.

Assessment point 3 = Unit 2 Listening completed under **low control** but within a strict time limit at home due to a period of lockdown. Students completed and submitted questions online via Teams using WJEC past papers and mark schemes

Assessment point 4 = Unit 1 Speaking NEA past paper in school under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 12th April

Assessment point 5 = Unit 4 Writing: Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in all sub-sub-themes for 2021. This assessment was completed over 2 lessons under **high control** lesson using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week commencing 3rd May

Assessment point 6 = Unit 2 Listening and Unit 3 Reading: Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in all sub-sub-themes for 2021. This assessment was completed over 3 lessons under **high control** lesson using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week beginning 17th May

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in lessons Spanish through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students geographical skills in map reading, sketching, graph reading and creation and statistical techniques have also been closely monitored by teachers this year.

Non-Examined Assessment = The Spanish NEA is the unit 1 Speaking which was conducted as Assessment Point 4