

## GCSE Spanish

### Mis vacaciones (Holidays)

- Build on prior knowledge of holidays by discussing past holidays, problems encountered on holiday, accommodation and travel.
- Use this to prepare for GCSE speaking and writing exams.

### Mi instituto (School)

- Express sophisticated opinions on school subjects.
- Learn how to describe your school, school day and clubs.
- Say whether you are for or against school uniform and rules.
- Compare school life in Spain and in England.

### Mi familia (Family life)

- Discuss family relationships, and the reasons for getting along (or not) with family members.
- Discuss whether or not you want to get married.
- Focus on oral skills, completing a GCSE exam style speaking assessment.
- Continue to develop understanding of verbs in the past and future tenses.

### Intereses e influencias (Free time)

- Discuss free time in greater depth.
- Discuss music and television/film genres.
- Discuss the importance of sports and hobbies for young people.
- Use a wide range of comprehension strategies to decode more complex texts.

### La ciudad (Town)

- Recap describing their town and shopping.
- Saying what you can and can't do, and expressing preferences.
- Develop strategies to handle comprehension tasks.
- Improve knowledge of tenses, focussing on the future tense.

### Los festivals (Festivals and volunteering)

- Discuss Spanish-speaking festivals such as *la Tomatina* and *la Semana Santa*.
- Learn to describe these festivals using topic-specific vocabulary.
- Be able to discuss how they celebrate important festivals with their families.
- Focus on techniques for meeting GCSE exam-style criteria in longer writing tasks and the photo description task.

### La salud (Health)

- Learn about mealtimes, food preferences, and ordering in a restaurant.
- Discuss healthy eating and wider health issues.
- Continue to develop exam technique in conversation, reading and listening tasks.

**El trabajo (Jobs and future plans)**

- Discuss the world of work.
- Use the conditional to discuss future plans, education and careers.
- Be able to discuss the advantages of volunteering to help those in need.
- Look at social and global issues such as homelessness and the developing world.

**Advice to students  
for independent  
study**

- Learn key verbs such as *comer, tocar, ir* in the perfect (past), present and future tenses (foundation) and imperfect and conditional (higher).
- Use Quizlet to revise key topic vocabulary, especially for topics that we covered in year 9 and 10.
- Ensure that you have prepared and learned answers to ten questions on your chosen general conversation topic.
- Make sure that you can give and justify opinions using a wide range of adjectives such as *estupendo, aburrido, malsano*.
- Use your revision guide to familiarise yourself with exam-style questions on the reading and listening papers, in particular the rubrics (instructions) which will be written in Spanish.