

Spanish Year 8	
Half term 1	<p>Mi Vida</p> <p>Students will learn how to introduce themselves and give personal information. They will learn key basic vocabulary such as numbers, months, pets, colours etc. They will focus on developing phonic knowledge and acquiring strong sound-spelling links. They will study regular verbs, and how to make them negative. There is a strong focus on transferring language-learning skills from French to Spanish.</p>
Half term 2	<p>El tiempo libre</p> <p>Students will learn to discuss what they do in their free time, including sports and hobbies. They will describe what they do in different weather conditions, and focus on asking and answering questions. They will develop their understanding of regular and irregular verbs, and when to use the infinitive.</p>
Half term 3	<p>Mi instituto</p> <p>Students will learn to discuss school life, focussing on school subjects and giving extended opinions using a variety of connectives, opinion phrases and intensifiers. They will focus on singular and plural nouns, and using <i>me gusta</i> and <i>me gustan</i>. They will use strategies to cope with more complex texts and build their written accuracy.</p>
Half term 4	<p>Mi familia</p> <p>Students will learn to introduce family members, and to describe their physical appearance and personality. They will focus on the accurate use of adjectives, and using the correct possessive adjective, as well as using the verbs <i>ser</i> and <i>estar</i>.</p>
Half term 5	<p>La ciudad</p> <p>Students will learn to describe what there is and is not in their town, and to describe it. They will say what you can do there, and use the near future tense to talk about their plans for the weekend. They will focus on extended writing, and using two tenses together.</p>
Half term 6	
Homework expectations	<p>Students will be set a variety of tasks including vocabulary learning, reading comprehension, short written tasks or translation. They should spend approximately 30 mins a week on the task, however when learning vocab, shorter, more frequent chunks are more beneficial than a longer session. In addition students would greatly benefit from using Quizlet to revise both current and past vocabulary. (www.quizlet.com – students have individual logins, please see your teacher if you cannot log in.)</p>
By the time you finish key stage 3 you'll be...	<p>Able to understand short and some longer texts on a variety of topics. You'll use a variety of strategies to help you understand. You will be able to speak and write with increasing accuracy and give and explain opinions.</p>