

AQA GCSE Spanish

Paper 1 (Listening), Paper 2 (Speaking) and Paper 3 (Reading) will all go ahead as planned, with no changes.

Remember:

For the **listening** and **reading** exam the best way to succeed is to revise vocabulary. Go through your purple books at the vocabulary you have written down, all the weekly vocab. tests that have been set on SMHW, Quizlet and the vocabulary list on SMHW. Make sure that you know what the words mean from Spanish to English. There are also past papers on the AQA website. In your exam remember to answer ALL QUESTIONS- check your last question on the reading exam is a 9 mark translation into English. Remember to CHECK what language to answer the question is in- the first half of the listening and reading exams are in English, the second half in Spanish.

The **speaking** exam takes place on either Thursday 5th or Friday 6th May- the times will be given to you and a copy will be on Miss Murphy's door. It will be done with your teacher- Miss Murphy and will be recorded and sent off to AQA to be marked. The exam consists of 12 minutes preparation time of a photocard and role play. After you have made notes in your preparation time the exam will be with Miss Murphy asking you questions from the photocard and role play, then a general conversation which will last 3-5 mins (Foundation), 5-7 mins (Higher). The best way to revise is to learn your model answers and set vocabulary for the photocard/role play.

Paper 4 (Writing) will include the following changes:

Writing papers will include an additional optional question for the overlap question at both tiers (Question 4/Question 1) and for Higher tier Question 2.

This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper.

Foundation tier

There will be an additional option for Question 4 and this will be numbered in the question paper as Question 4.3. Students will need to answer **one** question from a choice of three.

This means that there will be a question on each of the themes. You should choose a theme to revise but be advised that you may wish to choose a second theme, as a backup, in case you are unsure of an item in your first chosen theme. Please check the topics carefully as some have been omitted for the exam. The themes and topics are as follows:

Theme 1 – Identity & culture	Theme 2 – Local, national, international & global areas of interest	Theme 3 – Current and future study & employment
Topic 1: Me, my family & friends Topic 2: Technology in everyday life Topic 3: Free-time activities Topic 4: Customs & festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities	Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood & region Topic 2: Social issues Topic 3: Global issues Topic 4: Travel & tourism	Topic 1: My studies Topic 2: Life at school/college Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Higher tier

- There will be an additional option for Question 1 and this will be numbered in the question paper as Question 1.3. Students will need to answer **one** question from a choice of three.
- There will be an additional option for Question 2 and this will be numbered in the question paper as Question 2.3. Students will need to answer **one** question from a choice of three.

This means that there will be a question on each of the themes. You should choose a theme to revise but be advised that you may wish to choose a second theme, as a backup, in case you are unsure of an item in your first chosen theme.

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Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended:

- Foundation tier: 1 hour 5 minutes
- Higher tier: 1 hour 20 minutes.