

GCSE 2009 Spanish



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Spanish differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and provides opportunities to improve at a later stage
Results -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Spanish full course (2SP01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3SP0S) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note: these examples are not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of some of the ways that the qualification may be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE Spanish (1246)

		JUNE			
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS					
Paper 1: Listening and Responding		25	Exam	100	Overall grade
Paper 2: Speaking		25	Exam/Cwrk		
Paper 3: Reading and responding		25	Exam		
Paper 4: Writing		25	Exam/Cwrk		

New GCSE 2009: Spanish (2SP01) Example 1

Unit availability							
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →				
5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04	5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		Re-sit		20	Exam	60	Overall grade
		Unit 2: Speaking		30	Controlled	90	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding				20	Exam	60	
		Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

New GCSE 2009: Spanish (3SP0S / 2SP01) Example 2

Unit availability							
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →				
5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04	5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
Unit 1: Listening and understanding				60 / 20	Exam	60	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking				40 / 30	Controlled	90	
		Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	60	
		Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

This candidate has cashed in the short course 3SP0S after year 1. They have then gone on to complete Units 3 & 4 in Year 2 and cash in the full course.

New GCSE 2009: Spanish (2SP01) Example 3

Unit availability							
JAN →	JUNE →	JAN →	JUNE →				
5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04	5SP02; 5SP04	5SP01; 5SP02; 5SP03; 5SP04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
Unit 1: Listening and understanding				20	Exam	60	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking				30	Controlled	90	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding				20	Exam	60	
		Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

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