

Queen Margaret College
Year 12 – 13 Spanish Ab Initio Programme 2019 - 2020
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
Paper 1	30%	External	November 2019
Paper 2	25%	External	November 2019
Written Assignment	20%	External	Term 3, Week 2
Individual Oral	25%	Internal	Sunday 15 September, Term 3 2019

Course details

The Spanish Ab Initio course is designed to give students with no prior knowledge of the subject a solid foundation in the language. The topics covered expose students to a variety of contexts and situations both related to their personal experiences and to the Spanish speaking world. Students in Year 12 learn to describe themselves and others; express likes and dislikes and give opinions and advice. They discuss school, daily routines, their home and neighbourhood; transport, food and drink; clothing and the weather. In Year 13 students cover health, technology, holidays, employment, the environment and global issues. They also look at similarities and differences between New Zealand and countries in the Spanish speaking world. Language is taught through topics and there is a thorough introduction to basic grammar. Students have regular conversation practice with our Spanish language assistant to help develop their speaking and listening skills.

Course Information

- Year 12 and 13 Spanish Ab Initio is a Group 2 option subject

Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. The key to language learning is 'little and often'. Homework might include:

- Learning a number of words, verbs or phrases
- Completion of assignments started in class
- Reading and grammar exercises or writing tasks (50 or 100 words)
- Creating revision material
- Reviewing the work completed during class time
- Revision of vocabulary learned in class with www.languageperfect.com
- Catching up on work missed due to absence
- Carrying out a research task on the internet

Students will be subscribed to www.languageperfect.com. They will receive a Spanish magazine and a grammar workbook. An approximate cost of \$30 for the website, \$27 for the magazine and \$27 for the grammar workbook will be charged to the parents' or caregivers' school account.