



# ARMADALE ACADEMY

## Higher Spanish How to Pass Guide

*for parents and carers*

### Exam breakdown and links to key SQA documents

- Exam Breakdown: Reading & Translation (25% of overall grade), Directed Writing (25% of overall grade), Listening (25% of overall grade) & Talking (25% of overall grade)
- Past Papers: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47909.html>
- Understanding Standards: <https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Spanish/higher>

### Resources to support your child

#### External

- SQA Past Papers
- [ThisIsLanguage.com](https://www.thisislanguage.com)
- [Linguascope.com](https://www.linguascope.com) (intermediate section)
- Scholar (available via Glow landing page)
- [Memorizer.me](https://www.memorizer.me) (for learning directed writing)

#### Internal

- Higher Spanish Teams Page
- Resources and links posted weekly and dated by class teacher.
- Spanish toolkit – [https://wakelet.com/spaces/0A\\_R9Cj\\_JVndw2j6cBq-G](https://wakelet.com/spaces/0A_R9Cj_JVndw2j6cBq-G)

Family Learning Hub on School Website

### Practical strategies to support your child

- Answering past paper exam questions and self-marking against the marking instructions - these are available from the SQA website.
- Ensuring ready access to a Spanish – English dictionary at home.
- From March, practising writing Directed Writing Essays under timed conditions – no more than 45 minutes (please ensure these are submitted to class teacher for marking)
- Regular attendance at Study Support sessions (Thursday 3:30 – 4:30)
- Regularly revisiting relevant vocabulary using online tools where applicable and accessing links posted to Higher Spanish Teams page.
- Record yourselves reading out your completed draft of Directed Writing Essays to listen to regularly.
- Mind map information for each potential bullet point of the Directed Writing Essay.
- Use colour to code revision notes.
- Create flashcards with relevant vocabulary or Directed Writing phrases/bullet points.
- Highlight areas where you are unsure and make sure these areas remain a key revision focus.
- Make a list of key words for each topic – memorise these words and what they mean.
- Make a list of examples of each Directed Writing bullet point and memorise these.

### How can you support your child?

- Help them to create a revision timetable so that revision isn't left until the last minute.
- Quiz your child on the material in their jotter / handouts after they have revised a particular topic.
- Get your child to teach you about a particular topic. Teaching others is a very effective way to learn information.
- Ensure a quiet study area is available to allow for timed exam-skill practice.