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Head Start Activities**

Welcome to your preparation for AL SPANISH!

The activities below are all designed to be fun, accessible and to keep you actively learning about topics you are interested in. Whilst you will not be formally assessed on the completion of these, you will find them hugely beneficial both during you're A Level and in the completion of your summer tasks. Enjoy!

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|  <p><b>Complete this MOOC.</b><br/>This free online course explores your creativity as well as your ability to follow instructions in Spanish</p> <p><a href="#">¡El artista está en casa!</a><br/><i>Udemy</i></p>   |  <p><b>Listen to this podcast</b> and learn about the letter <b>ñ</b>, unique to the Spanish alphabet: its origins, how to type it and much more. You can download the PDF transcript or access it <a href="#">here!</a></p> <p><a href="#">La letra ñ</a><br/><i>Unlimited Spanish- Habla Español</i></p> |  <p><b>Read this article</b> about common mistakes in Spanish. Be ahead of the game by raising your awareness of these traps. You will have plenty of opportunities in A Level to test this knowledge.</p> <p><a href="#">Errores comunes</a><br/><i>Spanish Dict</i></p> |  <p><b>Watch this TED talk</b> about why and how music raises our emotions. You can follow this by downloading the app <a href="#">Lyrics</a> and learn Spanish through songs.</p> <p><a href="#">¿Por qué nos emociona la música?</a><br/><i>TED Talk – Paolo Bortolameo</i></p>             |  <p><b>Complete this interactive lesson</b> on inland Spain, an aspect less known by tourists. This includes activities at different levels and gives you an insight on things we study at A Level.</p> <p><a href="#">La España interior</a><br/><i>ProfeDeELE.es</i></p>  |
|  <p><b>Listen to this video</b> that explores the wall in the Spanish city of Melilla, designed to stop illegal immigration between the European Union and Africa. Learn about this controversial topic which we will be studying in detail in class.</p> <p><a href="#">La Valla de Melilla</a><br/><i>Youtube - BBC Mundo</i></p> |  <p><b>Read this article</b> about Donovan Carrillo. In this interview to an exceptional ice skater you will find inspiration, as well as an opportunity to check your understanding of tenses.</p> <p><a href="#">Entrevista con...Donovan Carillo</a><br/><i>Muy Interesante Junior</i></p>            |  <p><b>Watch this video</b> and learn about surprising habits in the Spanish culture, such as organ donation or why we hang pig legs in bars...all useful to know for A Level!</p> <p><a href="#">20 Curiosidades de España</a><br/><i>Youtube – Supercurioso</i></p>   |  <p><b>Complete this course</b> on understanding and using natural language. You will learn to express yourself better, improve your audio skills and learn culture through a series of video activities</p> <p><a href="#">Understanding spoken Spanish</a><br/><i>Open University</i></p> |  <p><b>Listen to this podcast</b> about Spanish inventors: from mops to cable cars! The podcast is followed by a small quiz.</p> <p><a href="#">Inventos españoles</a><br/><i>ProfeDeELE.es</i></p>   |
|  <p><b>Read this article</b> about civilizations prior to the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas. Place the countries in a <a href="#">map</a>. We will be extending this knowledge in class.</p> <p><a href="#">Culturas precolombinas</a><br/><i>Hablacultura.com</i></p>  |  <p><b>Watch this video</b> about expressions in Spanish related to food. They are so quirky. There are many more funny videos like this <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Expresiones en español de comida</a><br/><i>Youtube – Hoy hablamos</i></p>   |  <p><b>Complete this MOOC</b> on the most controversial region of Spain: Catalonia. Learn about its language, history, culture and why it is up in arms.</p> <p><a href="#">Getting to Know Catalonia</a><br/><i>Future Learn</i></p>                                   |  <p><b>Listen to this podcast</b> about the Spanish monarchy. Learn why a female heiress to the throne is an issue and compare it to the British monarchy.</p> <p><a href="#">La Familiar Real</a><br/><i>Notes in Spanish</i></p>  |  <p><b>Watch this TED talk</b> on “writing” the story of your life! This is a humorous reflection and philosophical insight. Great for literature and language lovers too!</p> <p><a href="#">Reescribe el cuento de tu vida</a><br/><i>TED Talks – Lucas Raspall</i></p> |