

## Spanish holiday work

Hola a tod@s. I hope you are enjoying your long summer holidays and looking forward to joining us next year in the A level Spanish department.

If you'd like to do some preparation for next year, here are a few suggestions for you:

Spanish TV is available online and through various apps. Have a look at some programmes and try to get used to hearing Spanish spoken at normal speed. Antena 3 (<http://www.antena3.com/>) has some great series on at the moment. *Allí abajo*, *Sin identidad*, *Velvet* and *El tiempo entre costuras* are all worth watching. If you are lucky enough to have a subscription to Netflix there are plenty of very watchable programmes – *las chicas del cable*, *Narcos*, *Tiempos de Guerra* and *el internado* to name just a few.

Listen to some Spanish music or watch a film. Spotify has a good selection of music and lyrics training is a great site to learn Spanish whilst listening to songs (<http://lyricstraining.com/>) Netflix has some good films and we have a good selection in the library. The works of Almodóvar, Del Toro and Amenábar are all worth watching but there are lots of others too.

Grammar! A good working knowledge of all the tenses of the indicative (present, preterite, imperfect, perfect, future and conditional) is a must if you want to study Spanish at A level. If your grammar is a bit rusty and you need to brush up on your endings and irregular verbs take a look at this site: <http://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php> and do some exercises.

To begin developing a wide vocabulary you'll need to read lots. We have a range of books in the library and subscribe to *el País* but you can start reading now and keep up to date with what is going on in Spain.

<http://www.20minutos.es/> is a great site with which to start.

Finally sign up to the work experience trip. I am finalising details now but it is likely to run in work experience week in February 2019. You'll get the opportunity to live with a host family and undertake a work placement in Spain. There is no better way to improve your Spanish than by spending time in the country. Keep an eye out on Plato for the launch of the trip. Most importantly of all rest and recharge your batteries so you're ready to go in September.

I look forward to meeting you all then.

K Trace

Head of Spanish

