

## REASONS TO LEARN SPANISH

### Employment

Multinational companies are always offering jobs to people with foreign languages. Knowing Spanish will make you more employable, in recent years Multinational companies recruited from abroad because Ireland didn't have the people with the language skills.



### Travel

It's the 2nd most spoken language worldwide and is spoken in over 44 countries.

### General knowledge

Know what your favourite Spanish speaking footballer is saying without having to wait for the interpreter!



Spanish will also introduce you to a world of cinema, music and food which you may not have experienced before. You will see how such singers such as PitBull, Christina Aguilera, Enrique Iglesias and Jennifer Lopez increase their audiences by singing in Spanish and how actors like Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek star in films in both languages!



### Third level Education

Spanish will count as your third language that is required for many third level institutes which include NUIG, UCD, UCC, Trinity College Dublin, UL and NUI, Maynooth.



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Spanish**



*¿Por qué el español?*





## *Spanish is fun!*

It has many words which are similar to English words.

Plus you probably already know loads of words already from TV programmes & songs.

Take a look at these!

*¡Hola! Fajitas, Sombrero, Fiesta, Siesta, Dinero, Amigo, Toro!, Adíos!*



## What the CBS offers

Spanish was introduced to the CBS September 2012 & students will sit Junior Certificate Higher & Ordinary level in 2015.



## Educational & Linguistic Aims

- To give students an awareness of language as a system of communication
- To give students an awareness of another culture & therefore develop a more objective perspective on aspects of their own culture.
- To give students an ability to engage in fruitful transactions & interactions with others.
- To enhance the student's overall development.
- To provide access to sources of information & culture enrichment & entertainment through Spanish.
- Providing students the possibility of considering taking up a job & further education/ training opportunities which may involve the use of Spanish,
- To provide the kind of language learning experience that will encourage & facilitate their learning of further languages in future life.
- To provide a competency in listening to, reading, speaking & writing Spanish