

24th September 2018

Supporting your child in Spanish

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to you regarding your son/daughter's learning journey in Spanish at St Bede's and would like to say a warm '*Bienvenidos*'.

Being able to speak a foreign language is a vital skill for the future of our students and those who have a second language are at a huge advantage in life. It opens doors to many opportunities and enables them to think both laterally and creatively.

At St Bede's we are determined and committed to supporting the progress of our student's language journey and for the support of parents and guardians to ensure our students reach their full potential.

Learning a language requires consistency in developing their reading, listening, writing and speaking skills. Please find the following suggestions which offer guidance in supporting your child in their language learning journey. Perhaps you will pick up a few words along the way.

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Each week a short reading and listening activity will be set on our Show My Homework school system. Students will have access to the audios and will be able to listen as many times as needed. Please encourage your child to listen attentively and make notes on new words.

In addition to this, students will be expected to dedicate time to Vocabulary learning. This can be done by simply reading and saying the vocabulary aloud, creating cue cards, a kahoot quiz or quizlet online which allow students to test themselves and incorporates memory games.

(<https://quizlet.com/login>, <https://kahoot.com/welcomeback/>)

We also advise listening frequently to music and video clips in Spanish. Spotify, i-tunes and YouTube are fantastic free resources for this where top charts, dubbed TV programmes and clips can be found. Netflix is also an invaluable resource with many Spanish Children's T.V programmes and films which can be



viewed with or without subtitles. Another invaluable resource is <https://lyricstraining.com/> an online listening and reading game where students listen to current Spanish songs and play against time to fill gaps.

Students will also be granted access to Spanish Room 11 each Friday lunchtime for access to tablets and internet. This will also be an opportunity for them to practice, learn, revise or simply ask advice on how best to learn and practice their Spanish.

We hope that together we will nurture a love and commitment to learning languages.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us for any advice or support.

Yours Sincerely

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Teacher of Spanish