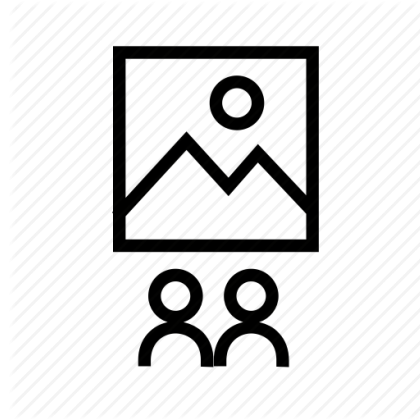


Top tips for parents - Art

Talk to your child about current affairs and or watch the news summary with them and discuss political and social issues, that could be translated into their art.

Gallery visits. Try to visit at least one gallery every Half-Term.

- Tate Modern
- Tate Britain
- National Gallery
- Serpentine Gallery
- Saatchi Gallery
- Dulwich Picture Gallery
- Hayward Gallery



Look at [Timeout.com](https://www.timeout.com/london) for the current top ten art exhibitions in London.

Frequently go through your child's sketchbook to see progression and development. Can you see a visual narrative? Is their theme meaningful and relevant? Discuss their project and ideas with them.

Top tips for parents - Geography:

Talking to your children about **current affairs** and or **watching the news summary** with them and discussing geographical issues. This is something that can make a massive difference in Geography as mark schemes credit up to date case studies and examples.

Topics / issues that link well to the spec:

- Trade e.g. trade wars USA v China
- Migration patterns and immigration policies
- Attitudes and actions of governments in relation to climate change and immigration
- Transnational companies and global brands
- Regeneration (local and national e.g. HS2)



Top tips for parents – English:

Topics / issues that link well to the spec:

- Society and the individual
- Freedoms and rights
- Politics, war, and power
- Gender and gender roles
- Identity
- Faith, morality and belief
- Death and human mortality
- Community and family
- Love and relationship
- The natural world and man's place in it



Things to do:

- Going to the history or art museums to understand backgrounds of texts/time periods.
- Seeing if there are any exhibitions on that link to the texts being studied. There are often talks and exhibitions on at the British Library.
- Go to the theatre production or watch the film adaption of the one of the texts studied. Discuss the changes or similarities to the original.
- Watch documentaries, listen to BBC sounds and other podcasts on the authors studied, time periods studied, literary movements.
- Attend poetry performances
- Research around the topic – historic/critical reviews.
- Read the texts their child is reading to develop discussion ideas and opinions.

Top tips for parents – Drama:

Try and see as much theatre as possible and not just at the West End.

- Local school performances, professional, amateur as well as performance art that takes place at museums.
- Pair that with researching the theatre reviews (if available) e.g. the shows in London will have reviews in the Guardian or Times.



Top tips for parents - Computer Science:

Topics / issues that link well to the spec:

- Web technologies
- Computing related legislation
- Moral and ethical issues

Look at the Craig 'n' Dave clips about all the topics covered in the specification and discuss.



Top tips for parents - BTEC IT (UNIT 6)

Encourage pupils to analyse, compare and evaluate websites.

Encourage the pupils to talk about current issues such as page ranking and web design.

Top tips for parents - German

Talking to your children about **topical items from German speaking countries** and or **watching the news** (www.newsinslowgerman.com) with them and discussing it. This is something that can make a massive difference in German as it helps cement the relevance that speaking another language has.

Topics / issues that link well to the spec:

- The importance of the environment in Germany
- Germany's role in Europe
- The German school system
- Immigration and multi-cultural Germany
- The reunited Germany and anything about former East and West Germany



Watching German language films (age appropriate) is also a good way to support your child's learning. Some films which are included in the spec are:

- Good Bye, Lenin!
- Die Welle (The Wave)
- Das Wunder von Bern (The Miracle of Bern)
- Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others)
- Almanyia: Willkommen in Deutschland!
- Sophie Scholl: die letzten Tage (Sophie Scholl: The last days)
- Nirgendwo in Afrika (Nowhere in Africa)

Top tips for parents - Psychology

Ways parents can help their child with their study of Psychology:

- Using a teacher prepared list of good video clip links on YouTube (e.g. good tutorials on various psychological theories or classic /contemporary research studies). Watch the clip and question your child on what they have learnt. Encourage them to be critical or evaluate the study or theory. You can also watch topical TED talks and do same thing.
- Spend an afternoon with your child in the Science Museum 'Who am I?' gallery looking at all the psychology items/artefacts and taking part in all the interactive learning games/activities. You could combine this with a trip to the Freud Museum.



Top tips for parents - Product design:

Discuss at home various household products:

- What is good about them?
- What is bad about them?
- How it could be improved? (this will help with critical analysis).
- Talk about favourite design eras and designers.
- Encourage reading of design journals e.g. Blueprint and Design Week.
- Encourage them to have an opinion about a product they love or hate and talk about the reasons why.
- Choose products around the home and quiz them on how they might have been manufactured, specific materials and processes.



Top tips for parents – History:

Watch the film called Wild Swans by Jung Chang or the Mary Queen of Scots series on Amazon.



Top tips for parents – Philosophy and Ethics

- Flag up ethical/philosophical/religious news stories e.g. Euthanasia, Ethical business
- Share your knowledge and opinions about ethical issues



Top tips for parents - Spanish

Talking to your children about current affairs
Encouraging them to watch or listen to the news in Spanish

Talk to them about what is happening in Spain and other Hispanic countries (knowledge of facts and statistics are important in achieving high grades in the A level Speaking exam)

Download Spanish films and programmes on Netflix/Amazon Prime:

- *La Casa de Papel* on Netflix is popular amongst Year 12 students.
- In Year 12 students study the film *Volver* by Pedro Almodóvar so it is essential that they have access to this film and you could watch it with them and discuss the themes and characters.
- Other good Spanish films are; *El Laberinto del fauno*, *La Lengua de las mariposas*, *Diarios de Motocicleta*, *Mar Adentro*, *Machuca*, *Todo sobre mi madre*, *Voces inocentes*. Students often enjoy watching Spanish films and it can help enhance their listening skills, vocabulary and understanding of Hispanic culture.

Short stories and novels are a great way to engage with learning a foreign language. There are parallel texts available to buy on Amazon, which are a fun way to read stories and learn a language at the same time.

Topics that are studied in A level Spanish:

- The Spanish civil war and Franco dictatorship
- Immigration and multicultural society in Spain
- Changes in family structures, values, traditions
- Hispanic culture; music, dance, television, media
- Hispanic festivals, customs and traditions

