COURSE EXPECTATIONS - Year 1 SPANISH

In accordance with the Darrick Wood School expectations, in all lessons I will expect you to:

- Arrive promptly to all lessons with the correct equipment
- Attend all lessons without bringing ANY banned items e.g. mobile phones, iPods, etc.
- Hand in all homework on time in HARD COPY (unless specified otherwise) - time extensions for you to print/email your work later the same day will NOT be given except in exceptional circumstances

Lateness, possession of banned items and missed homework deadlines will result in an hour's catch-up time taken from your free study periods the same day or next day. Your teacher will arrange for you to make up this time at THEIR convenience, not yours.

Organisation

You need to keep all of your work carefully organised in an A4 ringbinder, which will be periodically checked. Write your name and the date on every piece of work or printout you do. You should organise your folder clearly into the following sections:

- Classwork and homework (Themes 1 and 2)
- Grammar
- Writing and film (Paper 2)
- Speaking (Paper 3)
- Practice examination papers/questions
- Independent Learning Evidence Log
Homework

You are expected to complete one hour’s worth of homework for each hour of lesson time. You can expect to have all homework marked and returned to you no later than one week after submission. Apart from the weeks leading up to examinations, your 5 hours’ worth of homework will be made up of the following:

- 1 hour learning homework (20 words/phrases compiled in your vocabulary book)
- 2 hours set tasks from lesson (usually a reading, writing or listening exercise)
- 1 hour preparation for speaking
- 1 hour independent learning to be recorded in your Evidence Log

Independent Learning

You will allocate a section of your folder for keeping the work you complete independently. All tasks that you complete towards your Independent Learning must be carefully recorded in your Evidence Log and the related paperwork stored in your folder. Your work and evidence log will be checked each week.

Examples of tasks you can complete towards Independent Learning:

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<th>TASK YOU COMPLETE</th>
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<td>Read an online news article in Spanish</td>
<td>A written summary of the news article (100 words minimum) with web-page reference</td>
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<td>Listen to an additional podcast</td>
<td>Podcast worksheets with completed exercises</td>
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<td>Read/listen to a Punto y Coma magazine article</td>
<td>Photocopy of the article with comprehension exercises completed</td>
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<td>Research into aspect of Spanish-speaking society</td>
<td>Printout of research with a list of bullet points summarising your findings</td>
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<td>Watch a Spanish-language film (THIS IS WORTH TWO WEEKS OF INDEPENDENT LEARNING TIME)</td>
<td>A written review of the film including your opinions (100 words minimum)</td>
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permission to watch them from your parents

Other approved independent task As agreed with your teacher

What do I do if I need help?

I am more than willing to help you if you are stuck or need advice on anything Spanish-related. Homework problems should be resolved long before the deadline.

EXAMINATION TOPICS

For your records, these are the following topics and sub-topics for this year of your course:

Theme 1: La evolución de la sociedad española

Theme 1 is set in the context of Spain only. This theme covers social issues and trends.

• El cambio en la estructura familiar
  La evolución de las actitudes hacia el matrimonio, las relaciones y las familias.
• El mundo laboral
  La vida laboral en España y las actitudes hacia el trabajo; las oportunidades de trabajo para los jóvenes; la igualdad de género.
• El impacto turístico en España
  El impacto económico; las oportunidades que ofrece el turismo; el impacto socioambiental.

Theme 2: La cultura política y artística en el mundo hispanohablante

Theme 2 is set in the context of Spanish-speaking countries and communities. This theme covers artistic culture (through music and festivals and traditions) and political and artistic culture (through media).

• La música
Los cambios y las tendencias; el impacto de la música en la cultura contemporánea.

· **Los medios de comunicación**
  La televisión y las telenovelas: los medios de comunicación escritos y en internet; el impacto en la sociedad y la política.

· **Los festivales y las tradiciones**
  Los festivales, las fiestas, las costumbres y las tradiciones.