KS2 to KS3 Transition

At Kingskerswell Primary School, our curriculum is built around secure phonics, high-frequency vocabulary and core grammar (gender, agreement, key verbs and connectives), in line with the National Curriculum for Languages.

Most of our pupils move on to either Newton Abbot College (NAC) or Coombeshead Academy, so our upper-KS2 planning takes both Y7 schemes into account:

- At Newton Abbot College, Year 7 Spanish begins with the *Spanish-speaking world* and "talking about yourself", including phonics, self and family description, geography of Spanish-speaking countries, and secure use of gender, plurals and connectives.
- At Coombeshead Academy, Year 7 units cover *Vamos* (introducing yourself, numbers, alphabet, classroom language), *En el instituto* (school subjects, opinions, AR/ER/IR verbs), *Mi familia* (family, appearance, colours, verb ser, possessive adjectives), and *En casa / El tiempo libre / En la ciudad* (where you live, rooms, free time, near future, town).

How KS2 Spanish prepares for Y7 at both schools

By the end of Year 6, our aim is for pupils to be able to:

- Talk about themselves and their family (name, age, birthday, where they live, family members and simple personality/appearance), which links directly to NAC's "talking about yourself" work and Coombeshead's Vamos and Mi familia units.
- Use secure phonics: pupils follow a planned grapheme–phoneme progression (vowels, key consonants, ll, rr, ñ, ch, silent h, j, qu, gu), supporting both schools' emphasis on pronunciation and the explicit phonics strand in Year 7.
- Work confidently with core grammar: definite and indefinite articles, gender and plural agreement, adjective position, negatives, simple opinion structures (me gusta/no me gusta porque…). This underpins Year 7 work on descriptions, school subjects and the local area at both NAC and Coombeshead.

Besides, the Escuelas Twin twinning project (blog and pen-pal exchanges) provides evidence of real-world communication, showing that pupils can already introduce themselves, describe their family and talk about daily life in Spanish.