**Year 12 Ab Initio Spanish Summer Work**

**Part of the IB is learning about Spanish culture. Therefore, this summer you could start by researching 3 of the following festivals/ cultural topics:**

**1) Research 3 of the following topics:**

* Las fallas in Valencia
* San Sebastián in Majorca
* Feria de Sevilla
* Semana Santa in Sevilla
* La Tomatina in Valencia
* El día de los muertos in México
* Los Sanfermines in Pamplona
* El día de los Reyes Magos (throughout Spain)
* La Semana Santa (throughout Spain)
* La navidad (throughout Spain)
* La nochevieja (throughout Spain)
* El Castell
* El sistema educativo en España
* El flamenco
* La pelota vasca

**2) Using your research:**

1. Write a brief description of the festival/event

2. Consider how it compares to a similar event in England

3. Mention something you discovered that you found unusual / surprised you and is very different from English culture.

If you have studied GCSE Spanish, you should try to do some of your research and writing in Spanish. You could use articles from newspapers such as ‘El mundo’ and ‘El país’.