



German

Studying German has made me think about important issues. It is good because you get to go to Berlin and learn about a fascinating culture.'

EXPECTATIONS

A minimum of a B or higher pass in German at GCSE.

STUDYING GERMAN AT A-LEVEL embraces many skills. As well as honing their linguistic skills, students will develop excellent communication and personal skills by working with partners, in small groups and giving presentations. Independent research will involve reading authentic sources such as newspapers, magazines and websites. Students will access a range of media including TV programmes, video clips, films and MP3 downloads.

Knowledge of grammar is essential to the study of a language at a higher level and this is taught throughout the course. Translation is employed to extend comprehension. Language students can give their opinions and arguments on a range of contemporary topics.

The topics studied overlap with History, Geography, Ethics, Science and Technology, Literature and Film.

CONTENT (AS YEAR 12)

MEDIA

Television, Advertising & Communication Technology

POPULAR CULTURE

Cinema, Music and Fashion/Trends

HEALTHY LIVING/LIFESTYLE

Sport/Exercise, Health & Well-being & Holidays

FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships within the family, Friendships and Marriage/Partnerships

Unit 1 Listening Reading and Writing 2 hours AS 70%, A2 35%

Unit 2 Speaking Test 15 minutes AS 30%, A2 15%

CONTENT A2 (YEAR 13)

ENVIRONMENT

Pollution, Energy, and Protecting the Planet

MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Immigration, Integration and Racism

CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES

Wealth and Poverty, Law and Order

The Impact of scientific and technological progress

CULTURAL TOPICS

Two of the following: the study of a German-speaking region or community; a period of 20th c. history of a German-speaking region or community; a novelist/dramatist/poet of a German-speaking region or community; a director/architect/musician/painter of a German-speaking region or community.

Unit 3 Listening, Reading and Writing 2½ hours A2 35%

Unit 4 Speaking Test 15 minutes A2 15%

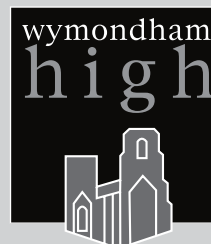
WHY GERMAN?

The study of a language enables students to develop and build on the skills acquired at GCSE; enhances employment prospects; facilitates foreign travel and provides an insight into another culture and society.

Knowledge of a foreign language will allow you to compete effectively in the global economy, broaden your horizons and increase your appreciation of other cultures.

We currently run a Study Visit to Berlin in Year 12 looking at the history and culture of this unique city.

Our AS students have been successful in winning competitive scholarships from the British Council to carry out an extensive research project in Germany.



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