

Subject: German

Level: A Level

Exam Board: AQA



Course Outline

This course will develop your ability to use German in both speech and writing. You will have weekly German conversation one to one with a teacher or native speaker and by the end of the course you will leave us being able to communicate confidently and imaginatively in a foreign language.

You will gain an insight into the contemporary society and culture of Germany and German speaking countries, including German music and cinema, politics and history. You will study German texts and films and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

By the end of the course you will be in a good position to undertake further, advanced study of German or make practical use of German in employment.

Who would be a successful student of German?

This course will appeal to students who would enjoy the challenge of speaking to native speakers of German in their own language. You should also enjoy taking part in in depth discussions, expressing your opinions and justifying these in debate. You may be considering further study or working in another European country.

Career Opportunities

A modern language is a truly useful ancillary skill for a wide range of businesses. Most interpreters and translators are people who work for a company and have knowledge of a foreign language, rather than professionals.

You will also find this course useful if you wish to follow a career in travel and tourism, marketing, public relations, European administration or law, teaching, interpreting and translating or journalism. Opportunities in the workplace are increasingly being opened up for those who can combine any subject or skill with a modern foreign language. Employers are very keen to recruit languages graduates.

Extra-Curricular Activities

In the past these have included trips to Germany, theatre shows and film days plus university conferences conducted entirely in German. You would also be welcome to help us with lower school language lessons and MFL club.

Course Content

A Level French consists of modules centred on the following topic areas:

- Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends and issues
- Multiculturalism in the German-speaking society
- Artistic culture in the German-speaking world
- Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

These will include discussions about:

- Family
- Music and Television
- Fashion and Trends
- Technology
- Festivals and traditions
- Art and Architecture
- Politics and Youth
- German reunification and its consequences
- Immigration, Integration, Racism
- Germany and the EU
- Cultural life in Berlin

Assessment tasks will be varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Each skill is assessed at the end of the course in a terminal examination.

There are 3 exam papers sat at the end of the two-year course:

- Paper 1: Reading, Listening and Translation; worth 50% of total A Level
- Paper 2: Writing (about a German text and film); worth 20% of total A Level
- Paper 3: Speaking based on an individual research project and one of the 4 themes listed above; 30% of marks