

A Level

# German

## Edexcel



### Course Content

This course offers you the opportunity to improve your language skills whilst gaining an understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of Germany. You will learn to speak and write at length in German about all aspects of society and culture in Germany. Enthusiasm and a commitment to learning are essential to language acquisition at this level. You should expect to engage in whole class discussion, small group work and pair work. You will also have the opportunity to take part in an annual study visit to a German-speaking country (which may include a home-stay).

### AS Level

The course will move you on from GCSE covering the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. You will also gain a greater knowledge of grammatical structures and so develop accuracy in the language. Teaching is based on a thematic approach and the language is taught through a variety of contemporary issues, using a range of authentic resources with two major themes being covered. A study of a German film will also be a focus at AS.

### A Level

The course will enable you to develop your linguistic skills further whilst continuing to enhance your knowledge of the target language, country and culture. You will use the language to present viewpoints, develop, analyse and evaluate arguments both when speaking and writing. You will study aspects of the contemporary society and culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries. You will study 4 major themes at A Level, and the study of a book and a film will be integral to the course.



### Methods of Teaching

Lessons take place mainly in German and you will be working singly, in pairs or in small groups on a variety of activities including reading, note-taking, vocabulary extension work, grammar revision and extension. You will engage in many oral activities such as role-plays, discussions, presentations and debates. You will also have a weekly session with a German language assistant to further enhance your production of the spoken language. You will work in the Language Multi-media Centre to practise your listening skills.

Learning through independent active study is crucial to your progress, and carefully monitored programmes will support you in this.

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## Methods and Patterns of Assessment

All four skills, speaking, listening, reading & writing will be assessed at the end of each course, with cultural content forming a key part of the assessment. The assessment methods will be varied, and will include translation, research, presenting + speaking, writing and listening/reading, comprehension. The exact details of the exam format will be finalised in the Autumn term.

## Financial Implications

Students are loaned some materials but will need to purchase their own textbook and dictionary for use at home.

Study Visits Abroad – The oral examinations account for a high percentage of the total mark. We therefore strongly encourage students to visit a country in which German is spoken. An optional trip takes place annually and the inclusive cost is approximately £680 (excluding pocket money).

The College has a Student Support Fund for those students who have difficulty in meeting these costs.

## Career Possibilities

German can be studied in combination with any other course in higher education. Many courses including those in the sciences will offer students with good language skills the chance to take part of their degree course abroad. Graduates in modern languages are in short supply and employers are increasingly keen to recruit people with language skills

## Minimum Entry Requirements

5 GCSE's at grade A\* - C, including Maths and English plus a grade B or above in GCSE German. Students with a B in German at GCSE will be supported by an extra grammar support session.

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