



Why Study German?

From Bavaria to Berlin and from Bern to Brussels, German can be heard throughout Europe and this course aims to provide students with the skills to join in this powerful conversation. With over 180 million speakers throughout the world, it's a conversation you might not want to miss out on! The course is taught using a blended learning technique including a course book with online activities and tasks, numerous authentic resources from the internet, magazines and online newspapers, and weekly lessons with a native speaker. For many years we have run successful exchanges with our partner school in Aachen and are looking forward to doing so again in the future. The KS4/5 exchange not only develops lasting friendships but also considerably enhances the linguistic skills of all participants.



Course Content and Assessment

Speaking and listening skills are partly developed through discussion work, to which students are expected to contribute, and through regular conversation classes with a native German Language Assistant. By studying more advanced aspects of German grammar, students are equipped with the necessary skills to understand more complex texts, and to write with greater fluency and accuracy.

The **A Level course** comprises three modules:

- **Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends**
 - The changing state of the family
 - The digital world
 - Youth Culture: fashion and trends, music, television

- **Multiculturalism in German-speaking society**
 - Immigration
 - Integration
 - Racism
- **Political and artistic culture**
 - Festivals and traditions
 - Art and architecture
 - Cultural life in Berlin, past and present
 - Germany and the European Union
 - Politics and the youth
 - German re-unification and its consequences

These are examined at the end of Year 13 by three units of assessment: Paper 1 = Listening / Reading / Writing; Paper 2 = Writing; Paper 3 = Speaking.

Progression Routes

This course will provide a sound basis for those who want to go on to study German to degree level. However, A Level languages are highly regarded and, consequently, many employers actively look for candidates with an A Level language qualification. With opportunities for linguists within the business, finance, sales, manufacturing and hospitality industries, learning a language does not just lead to translating, the travel industry and teaching. Many Higher Education courses in subjects such as Marketing, Business, Science and Engineering now include an element of language study and/or period of work experience abroad.

Entry Requirements

In order to cope with the demands of the course, students should have gained at least grade 6 in German at GCSE, and should have taken the Higher Tier Papers.