

A Level German builds on skills from GCSE, allowing you to discover more about society and culture in the German-speaking world. You will be able to express yourself to a high level, confidently.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 6 in GCSE German
- Grade 5 in GCSE English
- Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

Skills required:

- Analytical mind for text analysis
- Debating and presentation
- Logic and application of rules

Units studied:

Component 1: Speaking non-exam assessment: 30% of qualification.

Component 2: Listening, Reading and Translation: 50% of qualification.

Component 3: Critical and analytical response in writing based on prescribed works 20% of qualification.

- Social issues and trends
- Local culture and festivals
- Young people & youth trends
- Entertainment, music and the arts
- Family and friendship
- Educational and employment
- Germany, Austria and Switzerland in Europe.

- Literature, art, film and music
- Diversity, difference and social cohesion
- The making of modern Germany 1989 onwards
- Literature: Bernhard Schlink: Der Vorleser A novel (1995)
- Film: Wolfgang Becker: Goodbye Lenin A feature film (2003) or Dennis Gansel: Die Welle A feature film (2008)

Futures:

A Level Languages open up fantastic opportunities to travel and study abroad. Proficiency in language means that you can follow your chosen career path worldwide. They make an excellent combination with any other A Level subjects as sound preparation for employment or university after Sixth Form. Language skills have also been shown to increase your employability and your salary. Knowledge of a foreign language gives you an advantage to all future employers looking to grow and expand their trade. For self-employment, it means expanding your own business!

Subject enrichment:

German students have the opportunity to attend the Youth Conference in Hamburg and enjoy residential visits to the University of Leeds. Our students regularly get the chance to see foreign films and are encouraged to widen their knowledge using provided book lists. We encourage students to volunteer in KS3 and 4 lesson to develop their leadership skills. We regularly promote translation competitions. Support through Kerboodle and one to one sessions will mean that you always know that help is at hand.