

A-level German

Below you will find some information regarding the new A-level German course. Please note that there are some entry level requirements for this course. Please speak to us if you have any queries or questions.

What is covered?

As part of this course, the four skills developed in GCSE German are further developed. Themes covered are:

- Developments in German society (nature and environment, education, the world of work).
- Political and artistic culture in the German-speaking world (music, media, festivals and traditions).
- Immigration and the German multi-cultural society (social integration and multiculturalism, economic and social consequences of immigration).
- German re-unification (society in the GDR before re-unification, Germany since re-unification).

All components of the award are externally assessed as follows:

- Paper one: listening, reading and writing including translation into English and German (2 hours 30 minutes, 50%).
- Paper two: writing – response to a literary text and film (2 hours, 20%).
- Paper three: speaking – Part 1: response to a stimulus card based on the topics studied throughout the A-level, Part 2: presentation and discussion based on the students individual research project (21-23 minutes, 30%).

What does the course involve?

Learning any language requires enthusiasm and dedication. You will discover more about the global society, and this A-level will support your interest in business, travel, law and health. You will be exposed to new cultures, film and literature written in German, which will include studying at least one book and one film. Naturally, a passion for learning German is important.

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including English and Mathematics as well as a level 5 in German.

This course will expose you to new cultures, especially within the German-speaking world.

You will need to be outgoing enough to speak aloud in German.

An interest in literature also helps, as you will read books written in German, such as 'Der Besuch der Alten Dame' by Dürrenmatt

You will need to be able to work under your own initiative.

The ability to speak a second language is valued by many employers.

