

German



About the Subject

The AS and A level courses in German encourage students to develop their understanding of spoken and written German. The course helps students to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively using increasingly accurate language. Students are also encouraged to develop their use of complex and varied language, their critical insights into society, culture and the German way of life. Your language skills will be developed through a carefully structured series of topics, giving you opportunities to develop your reading, listening, speaking and writing competences.

Course Content

Year 1 topic areas:

Leisure and Lifestyles (including travel and tourism, sport, hobbies, entertainment, customs, traditions and healthy living), individuals and Society (including relationships and responsibilities, youth culture, education, vocational training and future careers).

Year 2 topic areas:

Environmental Issues (including technology, pollution, global warming, transport, energy and conservation), social and political issues (including the role of the media, racism, terrorism, world of work and globalization), two cultural topics e.g. the study of a film.

Entry Requirements

We recommend that you meet the minimum requirement of GCSE grade B in German and a grade B in English Language.

In order to prepare for your AS programme, you should aim to read as much as possible in German to extend your knowledge of vocabulary. Try to watch some German films and listen to some German music. You should also regularly revise your grammar. Take every opportunity to speak German, and if at all possible, go to Germany or another German-speaking country.

Career Paths

Languages can open many career possibilities. Industry, business and many professions are always keen to recruit people with language qualifications. A language qualification can be essential or highly desirable in careers in the media, journalism, banking, marketing, advertising, international aid and teaching in the primary and secondary sectors. Stand out from the crowd, study German!

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