
Course highlights:

Speaking another language opens up a world of opportunities. Language skills are in high demand in an extremely competitive job market and an international career can be extremely rewarding. In most careers nowadays, language abilities are highly valued. Research has shown that studying a language will also provide you with invaluable communications skills as well as improving your decisiveness, problem-solving ability and negotiation skills.

In addition, by taking German at GCSE, you do not just learn the language, its grammar concepts, vocabulary and phrases, but rather you get to immerse yourself in the culture of German-speaking countries and find out more about its people and traditions, thus bettering and opening your understanding of their world. To achieve this, we study a wide range of topics including social media, the internet, free time, film, music and many more. There will also be a trip to Berlin.

GCSE German can definitely be a course for you.

Learning styles used:

The German GCSE course will focus on 4 main skills; writing, reading, listening and speaking. We endeavour to make our German classes a fun and interactive experience. We use a range of styles and activities to engage your learning, and we use authentic materials from a variety of sources in order to keep your learning relevant and up to date. We do cover things at a slightly quicker pace than in KS3, but this is good, as you will easily notice the improvements that you make in your language.

How is it assessed?

We will follow the AQA specification. The course is based around the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

The course is assessed by four examinations, all at the end of the course and each element is worth 25% of the final grade.

- Paper 1 - Listening
- Paper 2 - Speaking
- Paper 3 - Reading
- Paper 4 - Writing

There are two tiers of entry foundation for grades 1 – 5 and higher for grades 5 - 9.

Other Information:

As mentioned above, we plan to run a trip to Berlin, looking at the history and many sites and attractions, such as the Wall Memorial at Bernauer Straße, the Brandenburg Gate, Jewish War Memorial and much more. This will take place at the end of year 10 and will give students an opportunity to practice what they have learned in a real setting.

Sixth form pathways & careers available from this course:

German GCSE leads into German 'A' Level post 16. Some universities now require a language GCSE for degree courses in English, History and Law and it is commonly accepted that a GCSE in a language will help you get into university. German opens up a wealth of opportunities. In most careers nowadays, language abilities are highly valued and there is a particular shortage of people with languages in Engineering and Finance. German is the most wanted foreign language by UK companies and is the second most commonly used scientific language. Furthermore, Germany is one of the largest exporters in the world and one out of every ten books in the world is written in German. An 'A' level qualification in a language, especially German will certainly make you more employable.

Course combinations:

Languages go well with subjects such as English Literature, History and Geography. German specifically goes well with the sciences, Law, Maths, Economics and Business. German and future careers within these industries support each other nicely.

Please see **Mr Young (A29)** to discuss this course.