

AS/A LEVEL GERMAN

What does the course involve?

The course is a natural extension from *German GCSE*, widening your linguistic and grammatical repertoire. You will develop a broader understanding of 21st Century issues relating to the contemporary German speaking world, thus enabling us to make informed comparisons with the UK. Small class sizes enable more individual opportunity to exchange opinions and perspectives. You will learn to be persuasive, argue, contradict, agree and express wishes - in German! The Languages department is well-resourced and you will have access to a range of support, including books, magazines, films, music and web pages as well as your own native speaking teacher! This is a dynamic and rewarding course which requires energy, drive and commitment.

What course units will I take?

AS Units

Leisure and Lifestyle: travel and tourism, sport, hobbies, entertainment, traditions, health and nutrition, unhealthy living.

The Individual and Society: Relationships, responsibilities, gender issues, youth culture, education and future careers.

Speaking examination (May): topical & general conversation; 15 mins

AS final paper (June): Listening and reading comprehensions, essay from a choice of titles, grammar tasks, translation [German - English]; 2h 30mins

A2 Units

Environmental issues: pollution, global warming, transport, energy, nuclear energy, renewable energies, conservation, recycling.

Social and political issues: the role of the media, racism, immigration, terrorism, world of work.

You will also study at least 2 films as part of your exam preparation.

Speaking examination: structured discussion & exposé; 15-20 mins

AS final paper: Listening and reading comprehensions, guided studies essay, translation [English -German]; 3hours

What qualifications do I need?

In order to succeed at this level you need at least a grade B in *German GCSE* and ideally a grade B or above in *English Language GCSE*. You will also need a strong interest in *German* and a commitment to the study of the *German* language and culture.

Will I take part in any study visits?

You will have the opportunity to take part in special *German* topic workshops, cinema outings and you will be encouraged to take part in a residential work experience visit to *Germany*. If there is sufficient interest, a *Berlin* study visit can be arranged.

What can I do after the course?

German can help you gain access to top jobs in business, banking/finance, journalism, law, public relations, travel and the *Civil Service*. *German* students have gone on to study a wide range of subjects in higher education and some have chosen to specialise in *German*. The knowledge of a European language enhances your confidence and social skills and increases your career prospects in the European and global market-place.