

# German

## Subject Information Sheet

Course Title:	German
Subject:	A Level German
Qualification:	A Level
Exam Board:	AQA
General Course Description	<p>The content of A level German is both stimulating and relevant in today's society. This is a course which allows you to master the German language whilst teaching you about the culture of German speaking countries.</p> <p>The course will enable you to develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of the culture of societies where German is spoken. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of German-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. Classroom activities and assessment tasks will be both engaging and will really develop your listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation skills. As group sizes are small you will benefit from individual help and support throughout the course.</p>
Course Content and Teaching Units	<p>In the <b><u>first year</u></b> of the course you will study the following topics:</p> <p><b><u>3.1.1.</u></b> Aspects of German speaking society The sub-topics which are covered in this module are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changing state of the family</li> <li>• The digital world</li> <li>• Youth culture: fashion and trends, music and television</li> </ul> <p><b><u>3.2.1.</u></b> Artistic culture in the German speaking world. The sub-topics which are covered in this module are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Festivals and traditions</li> <li>• Art and architecture</li> <li>• Cultural life in Berlin, past and present</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Film:</u></b> <i>Goodbye Lenin</i> Wolfgang Becker The film <i>Goodbye Lenin</i> is a comedy set in Berlin. The film tells the story of the Kerner family during the fall of the Berlin wall. This film gives an amusing and touching insight into life in Germany as East Germany comes to an end.</p> <p>In the <b><u>second year</u></b> of the course you will further develop your knowledge of the German language and culture by studying:</p>

	<p><u>3.1.2.</u> Multiculturalism in German speaking society The sub-topics which are covered in this module are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Racism</li> </ul> <p><u>3.2.2.</u> Aspects of political life in the German speaking world The sub-topics which are covered in this module are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany and the European Union</li> <li>• Politics and youth</li> <li>• German reunification and its consequences</li> </ul> <p><u>Novel:</u> <i>Der Vorleser</i> by Bernhard Schlink. One of the most controversial novels in modern German literature this book tells the story of the relationship between a 15 year old boy and a 36 year old woman whilst giving you an insight into the struggles that the post-war generation faces in dealing with Germany's past.</p>
Entry Requirements	Grade 6 in GCSE German.
Assessment	<p><b>Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing</b> (2 hours 30 minutes) There are 100 marks available and the paper is worth 50% of the A level mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening and responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources (you have an individual computer and you have control of the recording).</li> <li>• Reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from authentic sources.</li> <li>• Translation into English; a passage of minimum 100 words.</li> <li>• Translation into German; a passage of minimum 100 words.</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 2: Writing</b> (2 hours) There are 80 marks available and this counts for 20% of the A level mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One essay on the film <i>Goodbye Lenin</i> (choice of two questions)</li> <li>• One essay on the book <i>Der Vorleser</i> (choice of two questions)</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 3: Speaking</b> (21-23 minutes including 5 minutes preparation time) There are 60 marks available and the paper is worth 30% of the overall A level mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5 – 6 minutes). You study the card for 5 minutes at the start of the test</li> <li>• Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of individual research project</li> </ul>
Progression Opportunities	An A level in German is highly valued by universities and employers as it is known to be the most powerful language in Europe. The communication skills that you gain from A level German make you an ideal candidate for any degree in the future whether that relates to German or not.

	<p>A level German can lead to further study of the subject at university either as a main subject or the subsidiary part of a degree. Students who continue with some German at university would have the opportunity to spend a year abroad in a German speaking country. Careers where A level German is useful include interpreting, translation, teaching, marketing, media, law, work in the travel and tourism industry, economics, business and lots more.</p>
<p>Further Information about our courses including results</p>	<p>The staff teaching A level German are very experienced in delivering this course and have been teaching the course for over ten years. Previous students have achieved fantastic examination results in A level German and have found the course to be incredibly engaging.</p> <p>Group sizes for A level German are traditionally small meaning that you have access to very personalised teaching with lots of individual support. This is perfect for developing both your confidence and ability in the subject.</p>
<p>Trips, visits and extra-curricular</p>	<p>As well as our annual trip to Cologne, we plan to take an A -level trip to Berlin next year so that you are able to experience first-hand the city that you will be studying for the topics in paper 1 and for the film. Berlin is an incredible city with a fascinating culture and history.</p>