German

Exam Board: AQA





Course Summary

A-level German builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. You will study German-speaking language, culture and society and, through this study, foster a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

You will learn how German-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change in its role as a powerful global presence, as it looks forward to the future. You will explore aspects of the artistic life of German-speaking countries and consider reunification and its consequences, alongside the German political landscape, both in relation to Germany itself and its place in Europe.

You will have the opportunity to study German literature and film, developing your German-speaking language skills through the use of spoken and written sources in German. You will build your ability to appreciate, analyse and respond critically in writing in German to the work you have studied. During lessons, alongside written work, you will take part in debate, discussion and presentations building your confidence and fluency in this valuable skill.

Entry Requirements

A Grade 6 or higher in GCSE German is required.

Course Assessment

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two-year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13.

Where might it lead?

Students who study A Level languages go on to study a very wide range of subjects at university, often with a language as part of the degree (e.g. German and Engineering).

A Level languages are listed as "facilitating subjects" by the Russell Group universities and develop key study skills whilst opening up further choices in the future.





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German lessons are always highly engaging with students talking to each other in a mix of German and English. There are some lessons which focus on grammar as well as plenty of opportunities to discuss current affairs or analyse a German film. CERI