

AS/A2 Level German

Teachers: 3 teachers and a conversation lesson with the German assistant

After the GCSE you have proved that you can communicate in German. Now it is time to learn about the society and culture of Germany and other German speaking countries. You will read German literature and study topical issues. You need to be aware of what is in the news and you need to take an interest in things, which may be different in foreign parts. You must be prepared to look at topics, have an opinion and be able to defend the stance you choose.

Units

4 units to the course, 2 units in AS and 2 units in A2

AS

Unit 1: *Listening, Reading and Writing* 2 hours

Unit 2: *Speaking* 15 minutes + 20 minutes preparation time

A2

Unit 3: *Listening, Reading and Writing* 2.5 hours

Unit 4: *Speaking* 15 minutes + 20 minutes preparation time

Most tasks in the exam require a response in German. Dictionaries are not allowed in the exams. Lessons are usually conducted in German. Skills and grammar are learned within the following topics:

AS topic areas

Media

TV, advertising and communication technology

Popular culture

Cinema, music and fashion/trends

Healthy living/lifestyle

Sport/exercise, health and well-being and holidays

Family/relationships

Relationships within the family, friendships and marriage/partnerships.

A2 topic areas

All of the above plus:

The Environment and Citizenship

Pollution, energy and protecting the planet

The multi-cultural society

Immigration, integration and racism

Contemporary social issues

Wealth and poverty, law and order and the impact of scientific and technological progress

Cultural topic

The study of a target language speaking region/community or

The study of a period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community
or

The study of a novelist/dramatist/poet from a target language-speaking country/community or

*The study of a director/architect/musician/painter from a target language-speaking country/
community.*

Activities

Activities include debates, watching videos, listening to cassettes in German on A Level topics, reading articles from a variety of newspapers and magazines, learning about the culture and the geography of German-speaking countries, songs, writing discursive and creative essays. learning about and applying grammatical concepts, working independently, in pairs and in groups, taking the initiative, pursuing personal interests, watching German films and satellite TV and writing critiques, making videos, visiting the German Institute, working with the German assistant, etc.

Viel Glück beim Abitur wünschen wir Ihnen!