



A Level GERMAN

Summer Transition Work

Welcome to A-Level German! During the course you will really get to know and understand what makes Germany, Austria and Switzerland tick; you will find out about their politics, society and culture, and you will be expected to talk about them.

To help you get ready for this we would like you to research one of the topics below and give a 5-minute presentation about it in September *in English*.

- Family life in Germany*.
- The arguments being made for and against a social media ban for children in Germany.
- The influence of Germany on global fashion.
- Migration to Germany and public opinion.
- What does Germany do to integrate migrants?
- Racism in Germany.

*In your speaking exam, you will be able to relate your arguments to any German speaking country. As such, you can focus your presentation on Germany, Austria or Switzerland.

It's up to you whether you use Powerpoint/Google Slides or not.

Separately, we would recommend that you watch the film *Das Leben der Anderen* (The Lives of Others) which is about the impact of the *Stasi* in East Berlin in the 1980s.

As a follow-up to watching the film, you may prefer to research and give a presentation about one of these historical topics instead:

- What was the *Stasi* and how did it maintain 'security'?
- How did the citizens of East Berlin deal with life under the *Stasi*?

Additionally, we would recommend that you spend some time revising German language and grammar. One good way of doing this would be to complete as much of the [Nicos Weg](#) language course as possible. It will take you over the absolute basics of German right through to more advanced language points. [This course](#), from *Deutsche Welle*, is also good. (*Deutsche Welle* has a lot of good [materials](#) in general).

Finally, make sure that you are really familiar with the verbs *haben* (to have), *sein* (to be) and *werden* (to become / will). This grammar website will allow you to practise these, as well as work on other areas: <https://german.net/exercises/verbs/>.