

GERMAN A LEVEL

Course Content

Social Issues and Trends:

The changing state of the family

The digital world

Youth culture

Festivals and Traditions

Art and architecture

Cultural Life in Berlin, past and present

Political and Artistic Culture:

Immigration

Integration

Racism

Germany and the EU

Politics and Youth

German reunification and its consequences

Grammar

Works: Literature and Film

Individual Research Project

Main Skills Developed

- An integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society.
- A range of transferable skills are fostered including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society.

Students following this specification will develop their language knowledge, understanding and skills through:

- using language spontaneously
- listening and responding to spoken passages
- reading and responding to a variety of texts
- understanding the main points, gist and detail from spoken and written material
- inferring meaning from complex spoken and written material, including factual and abstract content
- summarising information from spoken and written sources, reporting key points and subject matter in speech and writing
- translating an unseen passage from German into English, and from English into German.

Assessment:

The A Level comprises three compulsory assessment units:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading, Translation into English, and into German (50% of final mark)

Paper 2: Written exam (2 questions based on a set film and set text.) (20%)

Paper 3: Oral exam (Individual Research Project, and discussion of a sub-theme.) (30%)

Advice to parents:

To support them in their studies we recommend that students purchase a good bilingual dictionary. Students are also encouraged to practise and develop their language skills as much as possible. Students will be expected to complete at least four hours of homework a week and attend a weekly speaking session.

Entry Requirements

Students need to achieve at least a GCSE grade 6 in the Language they are carrying on to A Level.

Students will also need at least a GCSE grade 5 in English Literature due to the demands of the written paper.

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