



SIXTH FORM

German

WHY CHOOSE GERMAN?

As communications systems become more and more sophisticated, many employers, in a diverse range of professions, seek employees with more than a basic grasp of a foreign language.

The in-depth study of a foreign language broadens your horizons, both culturally and professionally. Could you ... translate that fax from Hamburg? ... greet that client from Berlin? ... chat to a friend or visitor in his or her language?

You will find AS/A2 Level German challenging and rewarding. We continue to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing by studying a range of stimulating topics. The materials studied will come from newspapers, magazines, TV and radio broadcasts as well as the Internet. By the end of the AS/A2 Level course students will have achieved a high level of oral and written proficiency in the foreign language.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

Some students choose to continue their Language studies beyond A Level by following a degree course at university in one or more languages, often beginning an additional language from scratch. In addition, there are many degree courses of which a language can form a part, for example languages with Law, Management & Business Studies, Engineering or Economics. Most Language Degree Courses offer the opportunity to work or study abroad.

AS/A2 Levels in Languages are also a valuable qualification for many careers. Whilst success in Languages is obviously of value in the Hotel & Tourism Industry for example, recent newspaper advertisements have requested language qualifications for jobs in fields as wide ranging as Engineering and Marketing and Sales. Many colleges offer Bilingual Secretarial courses to students with A Levels in one or more language.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. You will need at least a grade B in GCSE German. An interest in current affairs and a willingness to take part in class discussion is desirable. Extensive exposure to the language outside of the classroom will enhance your language skills.

The emphasis of the course is on participation with much discussion taking place in German and students will be encouraged to make extensive use of the Internet and online resources.

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WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

You will develop your language skills through topic-based study. These topics will focus on modern culture and issues of family and relationships, the media, popular culture and healthy living and lifestyle. If you register your interest in the Spring Term of Year 11, you will have the opportunity to take part in our Work Experience Programme in Germany.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

At the end of Year 12 students will be examined on the following units:

Unit 1: Listening, reading and writing.

Unit 2: Oral examination (for which you will prepare a topic of your choice).

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

You will deepen your understanding of and competence in the German language. As well as focusing on grammatical accuracy, you will study further topics: the environment, the multicultural society and contemporary social issues. You will also study two cultural topics at the end of Year 13.

HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

You will be examined on two further units:

Unit 3: Listening, reading and writing.

Unit 4: Oral examination.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week.

