

A Level German

At A Level, students build on the language and grammar skills they have developed at GCSE. They will develop greater fluency in spoken and written work as well as learning about German society and culture. By the end of the course they will be able to communicate well in German and will have a good knowledge of this beautiful country and its culture and history.

Year 12 Course Content:

- **Changes in German society.** We look at the changing nature of German families and issues affecting personal and family relationships.
- **Culture in German speaking countries.** This includes the topics of media and the digitalisation of society, music, youth culture, the cultural life of Berlin in the past and the present, art and architecture and German customs and traditions.
- **Film.** We study the film "Goodbye Lenin".

Year 13 Course content:

- **Multiculturalism in German speaking society.** We study the causes for and the positive and negative impacts of migration, migration policy, issues surrounding integration and various migrant groups in German-speaking society.
- **Racism.** We look at the origins of and struggle against racism and the effects of racism on the victims.
- **Germany and her role in the European Union.** We examine the advantages and disadvantages of the European Union for Germany including the effect of the expansion of the European union.
- **Politics and Young People.** We study the political engagement of the young, priorities for youth politics and the role of pressure groups.
- **Reunification.** We look at the events and developments which led to the reunification, contrast the desired and actual outcomes of reunification, and compare the cultural identity of the old and new federal states.
- **Literature.** We study the novel *Der Vorleser*.

Exams:

At the end of the course there are 3 exams:

Unit 1: Listening, reading and translation from and into German (50%).

Unit 2: Essays on literature and film in German (20%).

Unit 3: speaking (30%)