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Why German?

We live in a globalised world; German is spoken by 95 million people. A second language can open up opportunities for travel, careers and academic life. “The Independent” listed German as the number one language which would lead to the highest paid jobs in the UK and was in the highest demand across job postings.

This course is a radical and exciting departure from the GCSE with more independent study and research and a more rigorous approach to grammar. Reading of German newspapers and visiting German speaking countries are encouraged. There are four main themes:

1. Social Issues and Trends
2. Political and Artistic Culture
3. Grammar
4. Works: Literary texts and films.

Residential Trip

It is likely you will spend time in a German speaking country on an educational visit or exchange.

Assessment

- 50% - Paper 1 - Listening
- 20% - Paper 2 - Writing on the set text and film
- 30% - Paper 3 - Speaking

Recommended Reading

We will be studying the book: Die Verwandlung by Franz Kafka

We will be studying the film: Das Leben der Anderen by FH von Donnermarck (2006)

AQA A level Year 1 and Year 2 Student Books and Revision and Practice Workshops.

Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 6 GCSE German

Interest in the culture and way of life in the countries where German is spoken

Future Pathways

Communicating in German will be even more sought after post-Brexit. A university degree in German complements subjects such as Drama, Business, Economics, History, Philosophy, Geography, European Studies, Law, English and so on.

Apprenticeships and careers in Translation, Journalism, Hospitality, Conservation, Finance, Public Relations, Marketing, Diplomatic Civil Service and as an Interpreter or Translator.

Complementary A Levels

Drama, History, Music, Philosophy Ethics & Religion, Psychology.

Extra & Super Curricular

Develop conversational skills and your independent research project with weekly meetings with our languages assistant.
Support in finding a work placement in Germany if you wish.

*“As members of a global community,
the acquisition of a language
creates a wealth of opportunities.”*

Mrs Staves