German (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying languages at GCSE is an excellent choice for you. Studying a language, at any level, is an enjoyable and intellectually stimulating pursuit. Learning a foreign language also enhances your literacy skills. Furthermore, it is highly regarded by employers and universities.

What will I study in this course?

- The fours skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Identity and culture
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment
- The culture and traditions of Germany and German speaking countries
- Grammar and translation skills

How will I be assessed?

For GCSE German there are four examinations at the end of Year 11 in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each exam is worth 25% of the total grade.

Students are entered for either Higher tier (Grades 9–4)or Foundation tier (Grades 5–1).

What will this qualification lead to?

You will learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of future careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public and using problem-solving strategies. You will create greater opportunities for yourself to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Languages are an asset in many jobs as diverse as accountancy, the travel industry, computer game design, engineering, education, journalism or law. Employers highly regard foreign language skills.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	1.1 Me, my family and friends 2.1 Home, town, neighbourhood and region	3.1 My studies 3.2 Life at school 1.3 Free time activities – Music, cinema and TV	1.3 Free time activities – Sport / food and eating out 1.4 Customs and festivals
Year 10	Recap and extend Year 9 topics 2.4 Tourism	3.3 Education post 16 2.2 Social issues – Healthy living	1.1 Marriage and partnership 1.2 Technology in everyday life
Year 11	2.3 Global issues – The environment / Poverty and homelessness	2.2 Social issues – Charity and voluntary work 3.4 Jobs, career choices and ambitions	Revision & Examinations

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