



GERMAN

WJEC AS/A2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B or above in GCSE German

COURSE CONTENT

AS Social Issues and Trends:

Theme 1: (AS) Being a young person in German-speaking society. Family structures, traditional and modern values, friendships / relationships; Youth trends, issues and personal identity; Education and employment opportunities. Political, intellectual and artistic culture.

Theme 2: (AS) Understanding the German-speaking world. Regional culture and heritage in Germany, German-speaking countries and communities; Germany, Austria and Switzerland in a European context; Literature, art, film and music in the German-speaking world.

A Level Social issues and trends:

Theme 3: (A level) Diversity and difference. Migration and integration; Cultural identity and marginalisation; Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference. Discrimination and diversity. Political, intellectual and artistic culture.

Theme 4: (A level) The Making of Modern Germany: 1989 onwards. Initial and subsequent process of reunification; Social cohesion in present-day Germany; Artistic and political movements; Economic impact of a united Germany.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The psycholinguist Frank Smith once said "One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." This demonstrates one of the many ways that learning a language can help you in your future, whether it be the language route, or languages being a 'tool' that is used alongside another.

Many universities offer students the opportunity to study science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) degrees with a language, giving them the opportunity to study abroad as part of their third year, providing them with not only a diverse student experience but also giving them an advantage when beginning their careers. Language learning in Higher Education has also never been more vital for the economy of this country and people with language qualifications have seldom been more in demand. Solid language skills are advantageous and crucial for business in a global, mobile economy and language graduates have one of the highest employment rates of any subject.

The importance of being able to communicate in a foreign language is very highly prized by employers and as Germany is the economic motor of Europe and one of our biggest trading partners, employers are keen to recruit German speakers.

As the UK is in the process of leaving the EU it has become even more important to nurture linguists and take full advantage of these transferable skills. Furthermore, it's not just the language – it's the understanding of the people and the culture you'll acquire that will impress.

PROFILE

If you've enjoyed German so far, why stop now? Learning German at A Level gives you the chance to immerse yourself into what it is like to live in Germany and other German speaking countries and deepens your understanding of the German culture. A-level German helps you to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively through both the written and spoken word, whilst also allowing you to develop your understanding of the spoken and written forms of German. The course will enable you to develop effective communication skills in the German language, whilst giving you a thorough understanding and appreciation of the culture of the countries and the communities where German is spoken. As part of the course you will get to embrace the culture first hand, with an educational visit to either Berlin or Munich as well as being part of the annual visit from our Hanover partner school. Learning a language at A level will allow you to play a full part in an increasingly globalised society and the more you develop your linguistic ability, the bigger the sense of achievement.

CONTACT

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ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

AS Level – Year 12

Unit 1: Oral: Discussions based on stimulus cards.

Unit 2: Listening, reading, writing (essay on the chosen film) and translation (Ge-Eng).

A2 Level – Year 13

Unit 3: Oral: Presentation and discussion of an independent research project.

Unit 4: Listening, reading and translation (Eng - Ger).

Unit 5: Critical and analytical response in writing on the chosen novel.