

German

Exam Board	AQA
Course Entry Criteria	6 in GCSE German
Essential skills	An interest in the subject is the most important thing. A good grasp of grammar is also important, although this will be reinforced at the start of the course. You must have an interest in discussing and debating contemporary issues as you will be working on developing your speaking skills in class and with the foreign language assistant.
Year 12	<p>OVERVIEW:</p> <p>Students will study a variety of topics throughout the two-year course, including aspects of the German speaking society such as Oktoberfest, Karneval or Weihnachten, the use of technology in modern day Germany, changes to family life and immigration. Students will also be given the opportunity to complete an independent research project on an aspect of German society and will study both German film and literature. Students will take all modules at the end of Year 13. Work on Year 12 topics will be continued to a higher level in Year 13 when additional topics will be introduced.</p> <p>CORE CONTENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aspects of German speaking society – Family, Technology, Music 2. Artistic culture in the German speaking world 3. Berlin – Its History and Culture 4. Grammar 5. Works: Film <i>Das Leben der Anderen</i> – Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
Year 13	<p>CORE CONTENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ‘Multiculturalism in German-speaking society’ - Immigration, Integration and Racism 2. ‘Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world’. The reunification of Germany, Germany and European Union 3. Grammar 4. Book: <i>Der Vorleser</i> (the Reader) by Bernhard Schlink (literary text) <p>There are three exams:</p> <p>Unit 1 – Listening, Reading and Writing 50% Aspects of German speaking society, Artistic culture in the German speaking world, Multiculturalism in German society, Aspects of political life in German society and grammar</p> <p>Unit 2 – Writing 20% One text and one film or two texts from the lists in the specification and grammar</p> <p>Unit 3 – Speaking 30% Individual research project, one of four sub-themes i.e. Aspects of German speaking society or Artistic culture in the German speaking world or Multiculturalism in German speaking society or Aspects of political life in in the German speaking world</p>

University requirements	Typical grade requirements to study a German degree are as follows: Oxbridge: A*A A / A A A Russell Group: A A B to B B B Non Russell Group: B B B
Related courses and careers	<p>Do you aspire a career in Engineering / Banking / Science / Arts / History / Music / International Business.... to name a few? Over the past centuries, the German language has been at the forefront of some of the most creative minds and greatest thinkers in the world, such as Copernicus, Benz, Beethoven, Mozart, Schweitzer and Einstein. German is the second most important language in the field of science and due to its continuous success on the global market, Germany is also the world's largest exporter of goods, including vehicles (VW, Porsche), chemical products, chocolate and computers to name a few. Therefore, speaking German will be the spark that helps you take the next steps to becoming a market leader in whatever field you choose. Studying German at A-Level will not only improve your reading, listening and speaking ability, but it will provide you with knowledge of Germany's rich culture, both historically and contemporary. Many British and American companies conduct business in German-speaking countries. Interestingly, Germany is the sixth largest exporter of American-made products. If you plan to have a career with an international company, then your A-Level German qualification could come in useful. Being able to speak German has its obvious advantages, but there are many other academic benefits in being able to speak the tenth most widely spoken language in the world. If you have an interest in studying music, philosophy, religion, medicine, law or physics at university level, then having a base knowledge of the German language will enhance your enjoyment, given its rich culture and history in these subjects. German is also the second most commonly used language on the internet.</p>