

Welcome to Year 12 German!

Type of course: 2 year linear (final exams in Yr 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

Link to specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

Content of exams:

- **Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation** (G to E and E to G)
 - based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
 - 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
- **Paper 2 - Essay paper** – written in German
 - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
 - 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
 - Film to be studied 'Goodbye Lenin'
 - Book to be studied 'Die Verlorene Ehre der Katharina Blum'
- **Paper 3 – Speaking**
 - Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Yrs 12 and 13
 - Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
 - Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

Year 12 topic content:

- Familie im Wandel
- Die Digitale Welt
- Jugendkultur
- Feste und Traditionen
- Kunst und Architektur
- Das Berliner Kulturleben

Year 13 topic content:

- Einwanderung
- Integration
- Rassismus
- Deutschland und die Europäische Union
- Die Politik und die Jugend
- Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folge

You will need:

- A5 journal/notebook for vocabulary
- A4 lever arch file (big and tall)
- A4 loose leaf paper
- Set of at least 10 dividers



1 Grammar *required learning***:**

Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular
- Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
- Future tense
- Word order, in particular:
 - Verb second and inversion
 - Time Manner Place
 - How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

- www.languagesonline.org.uk
- [BBC Bitesize German](http://BBC.Bitesize.German)
- www.german.net (lots of grammar revision activities to choose from here)

2 Online learning – topic vocab, useful phrases + expressions

- Quizlet – in folder on Showbie
- Duolingo

Choose a selection of activities from each of the following categories

3 TV and Films to watch

Site	Title	TV/Film	Summary
Netflix	Skylines	TV	Crime drama series about hip-hop producer
	Holiday Secrets	TV	Family secrets come out at Christmas
	We Are The Wave	TV	Teens revolt against nationalism
	Criminal: Germany	TV	Set within the interview room of a police station
	Charité	TV	Medical/historical drama
	Charité at War	TV	Set in hospital during WW2
	Dark	TV	Mystery drama – German ‘Stranger Things’
	Nailed It! Germany	TV	Amateur baking show
	Generation War	TV	Five young friends meet in Berlin in 1941, but it may be their last time together as the events of World War II tear them apart.
	Look Who’s Back	Film	Satire about Hitler
	The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch	Film	Comedy about an Orthodox Jewish man falling in love with a non-Jewish woman
	Rock My Heart	Film	Animal film
	My Fuehrer	Film	Comedy about Hitler preparing for a speech
	We are young. We are strong.	Film	Based on the Xenophobic riots in North Germany in the 1990s
	Trick or Treaters	Film	Animation
	Kitz	TV	Based on a group of Austrian rich kids at a fancy ski resort
Amazon Prime	Welcome to Germany	Film	A German family takes in a refugee
	Balloon	Film	Germans attempt to flee the East by using a hot air balloon.
	Behind the Wall	Docu	Documentary about East/West Berlin and the fall of the wall.
	Das Leben der Anderen (Lives of Others)	Film	Film about the work of the Stasi in East German and how they spied on the population
	4Blocks	TV	Series about a family of Lebanese gangsters in Berlin.
All4/Walter Presents	Deutschland 83 Deutschland 86	TV	Drama about young East German sent as a spy to the West.
YouTube	Sophie Scholl	Film	Film about the anti-Nazi resistance fighter, Sophie Scholl
	Das Wunder von Bern	Film	Film about a young boy who adores football and the first World Cup after WW2

4 Music, Books and Podcasts

- Discover German music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/goethe-institut>
- Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete ‘advanced’ (or even ‘expert’?!) <https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
- Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

5 News and current affairs

- News in Slow German: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4CAPKEyQ9KHtm9XEKjWHp3>
- Scroll down to ‘7 Tage Rückblick’ and watch 1 episode of news every week, making a note of ANYTHING you understand (and ignoring what you don’t for now): <https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html>
- Start following at least 3 different German language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from Germany, Switzerland and Austria
- Research: What are the political parties in Germany/Switzerland/Austria? Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

6 Social Media

- Start a collection of German language memes
- Follow a range of German language social media accounts
- Find out who the current social media influencers are in German, Switzerland and Austria
- Follow a range of German social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests

7 Other ideas

- Find a German recipe and try it out
- Research a topic of your interest related to German or a German-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
- Vlog your summer, create memes, write a song, poem or story – get creative!
- Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the German
 - states <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3014>
 - capital cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3189>
 - important cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3030>
- Research these opportunities for visiting Germany:
 - <https://ukgermanconnection.org/yp/get-involved/german-pupil-courses/>
 - <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/germany/>
- Find your preferred online dictionary
 - www.duden.de - monolingual German dictionary
 - <http://dict.leo.com> - Extensive online German dictionary
 - www.WordRef.com - online dictionaries in a number of languages
 - www.verbix.com - online verb conjugator
 - www.collinsdictionaries.com
 - www.bab.la
 - www.pons.com
 - www.lexicool.com
 - <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
- And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
 - **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool www.linguee.com
 - **DeepL** - even more advanced than Linguee - www.deepl.com
- Find a range of German language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
- Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into German

Summer Tasks

- Choose a film / series and write a short review of it **in German**. Explain it to me as though I've never seen it before and give your opinion.
- Create a quizlet list of **at least 50 words** that you often forget / don't fully know. Upload it to the 'transition work' folder on Showbie. Here is the link to the GCSE vocabulary to help you: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/german-8668/subject-content/vocabulary>
- Write a short paragraph about yourself. You could include any of the following points: your family, your hobbies, where you live, your school, your holidays, a description of yourself – anything at all about your life! This isn't a test but it is important that you do this without any help (no google translate!!) so that we can have a look at the level of your writing. Ideally there would be some tenses (past, future, conditional) in there too so we can check your grammar.

If you have any questions, then please drop me an email ☺

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