

German

Examination Board: AQA (7662)

GCSE Required:

Skills:

German Grade 6

Flair for the language

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What is covered in the course:

i) Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends: Year 12

- a) Family and relationships (marriage and partnerships; different models of family; change in the family structure; attitudes towards marriage and divorce; the influence of the catholic church).
- b) The Digital World: Internet and the dangers/risks; social networks; digitalisation of society - smartphones and uses.
- c) Youth Culture: Fashion & image; music for young people; the role of the TV.

ii) Artistic culture in the German-speaking world: Year 12

- a) Festivals and traditions; origins of festivals and their importance in German society; diversity of festivals and traditions in different regions of the German-speaking world.
- b) Art and Architecture: artists and architecture; artistic and cultural heritage - past, present & future and its diversity.
- c) The Berlin Culture - then and now: Berlin shaped through its history; theatre, music and museums; the diversity of its people.

iii) Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world: Year 13

- a) Germany and the European Union: the role of Germany in Europe; advantages and disadvantages of the EU for Germany; the effect of a widening EU on Germany.
- b) Politics and youth: political engagement of young people; the focus of youth politics; values and ideals.
- c) German reunification and its consequences: peaceful revolution in the DDR; the reunification; the old and new federal state - culture and identity.

iv) Multiculturalism in German-speaking society: Year 13

- a) Immigration: the reasons for it, the advantages and disadvantages of it and the migration policies of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- b) Integration: measures for integrating people into German-speaking countries, obstacles to integration and the experiences of various migrant groups

c) Racism: the victims, the causes and the fight against racism

In addition you will study a specific modern German film and book during the course. Grammar will also be taught throughout the course and much of this will also be included in the flipped learning timetable.

How will the subject be taught:

The students will have the opportunity to improve their ability in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and will gain access to the language through a variety of authentic media, including newspapers, magazines, satellite TV and the internet. Teaching will be split between two teachers and students will be expected to participate in study sessions through note-taking, text analysis, debate, presentation and self-supported study. In addition a foreign language assistant has an hour's conversation class with each group on a weekly basis to support their preparation for the speaking exam.

All students have online access to Nelson Thornes (Kerboodle) with vocabulary sheets, listening and reading materials, exam-type questions, grammar exercises and video clips. In addition we provide them with examples of practice listening and reading papers as well as a week by week plan for grammar teaching, topic work and key assessments.

There are listening, reading/writing/translation and speaking exams at the end of each course, but students can choose a specific topic area for part of the speaking exam.

What opportunities come with this subject:

The wider opportunities for students with a language at Advanced Level are immense. Linguists have a skill that can be applied in innumerable professional, commercial and social contexts. Linguists are trained to analyse stimulus material in detail and after advanced level learning will have outstanding knowledge of other cultures and societies, which serves them as adults with a well-rounded education.

Higher Education/Career Implications:

Universities are continually looking to recruit students with a language at A-Level to support other subject areas and frequently offer international placements to the best linguists.

- In an increasingly globalised marketplace, students with a language can often demand higher salaries, travel more widely on business and build friendships across the globe.
- There is also strong evidence that universities will use language qualifications to differentiate applicants with the same A-Level grades.
- In recent years many of the former A Level cohort have continued to study languages at undergraduate level, including a number of Russell Group universities.