



# GERMAN IN THE SIXTH FORM

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## WHY STUDY GERMAN AT A LEVEL?

German is an important European language with more than 100 million native speakers. It is not only spoken in Germany, but also in Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, as well as areas of Northern Italy, Eastern Belgium and Eastern France. In fact, there are more native speakers of German in Europe than any other language and it is one of the ten most frequently spoken languages in the world. Being a German speaker can significantly improve your career opportunities. Within the European Union it is not only specialists, but also students and scientists, with knowledge of German, who can find interesting training, study and job opportunities. The proximity of Germany to the UK and the strength of its economy mean that it is an important language for business. Last year UK exports to Germany exceeded £19 million pounds. Linguistically, there is also closeness as English is a Germanic language and shares many words with German.

## THE A LEVEL COURSE

A Level is taught in four double lessons per week, totalling eight lessons, plus one individual conversation lesson with a German Language Assistant. The class is small and language skills are developed through the study and discussion in German of topics relating to contemporary issues in the German-speaking world, and tested by a variety of multi-skill methods. Sixth Form students are trained to think critically and to support their opinions with reasoned argument. Independently they are encouraged to listen to German as much as possible, via the radio and podcasts, and to read newspapers and books. Students are prepared for their Edexcel A Level examinations in listening, reading, translation, essay writing and speaking. The study of literature and film forms part of the new AS and A Level courses.

## TIME ABROAD

Our Sixth Form linguists are encouraged to travel and a number of them have embarked on independent language courses, homestays with families and work experience, where 'total immersion' is the key ingredient. We have seen a number of our students choose to continue to study German at university, combining it with other subjects, such as another advanced or beginner-level language, Business, English or Economics, to name just a few.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Languages have never been so relevant in our globalised world. Industry is increasingly calling out for language students to fill top positions in trading organisations, banks and multinational companies. The government needs strong communicators and eloquent diplomats to represent the country abroad, and our current political uncertainty will only underline the need for jobs that enable manufacturers and service providers to be able to communicate with new markets and suppliers to grow business and increase sales.

Language students show that they are committed to the core skills that we need in the modern world. They can show that you are a flexible, resilient, world-aware, engaged and eloquent person for whom challenges are seen as opportunities.



## A LEVEL RESULTS 2019

GRADE	A	B	C
German			1