

# German



## Why study German?

Studying German can give you many opportunities and open new doors for you. Learning the language will help you to gain enhanced communication skills, a deeper cultural awareness and the flexibility to travel, study or work in a German speaking country. Being able to converse in German also gives you the edge in the job market. An A Level in German you will give you the ability to extend your understanding of the language and literature of the German speaking world and will help you communicate confidently about issues such as current social issues, films and literature.

## Entry requirements

Pupils will need to have studied German up to GCSE level and have gained a C grade or above at higher tier to be accepted on this course.

## Course details and assessment format

### AS

**Theme 1:** Being a young person in German-speaking society

**Theme 2:** Understanding the German-speaking world

### Assessment - Examination

**Unit 1: Speaking** - 12-15 minutes (plus additional 15 minutes preparation time)  
12% of qualification

**Unit 2: Listening, reading, translation and writing** - 2 hour 30 minutes  
28% of qualification Listening, Reading, Translation from German into English/Welsh and Critical response to a film in writing

### A Level

**Theme 3:** Diversity and difference

**Theme 4:** The Making of Modern Germany: 1989 onwards

### Assessment - Examination

**Unit 3: Speaking** - 11-12 minutes  
18% of qualification Independent research project

**Unit 4: Listening, reading and translation**  
- 1 hour 45 minutes 30% of qualification  
Listening, Reading, Translation from English/Welsh into German

**Unit 5: Critical and analytical response in writing**  
- 1 hour 30 minutes 12% of qualification  
One essay question-based on the study of one literary work taken from the prescribed list

## Skills which are developed and possible progression

An A Level in German will allow you to develop linguistic and language learning skills and strategies. You will be equipped with transferable skills such as creativity and critical thinking that will enable you to proceed to further study or to employment. Your reading and listening skills will be extended and you will learn how to express yourself at a more complex level. An additional language is an extremely valuable skill for many careers, employers and universities. Career possibilities include engineering, media, hospitality and catering, ICT, manufacturing, public services, retail, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, journalism, law and business as well as many others.

