

German

Average
class size:
4

Exam
board:
AQA

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What topics are covered in this subject?

A level languages are challenging and stimulating subjects which build on the skills you have developed at GCSE level. The A level provides a thorough knowledge of the culture and society of the countries where your chosen language is spoken whilst improving your understanding of and fluency in the language. You will study a diverse range of topics including music, Cinema, politics, immigration and the digital world to name just a few. The course is enhanced through the study of a film and a novel, both of which are studied in German.

How is this subject taught?

Small class sizes are guaranteed so you will have individual attention and ample opportunity to converse and improve your confidence and fluency with experienced teachers in a supportive environment. You will have access to an ebook and a wealth of online resources to support your learning in college and at home.

You will be assessed at the end of Year 13 by three exams. Paper 1 consists of listening and reading comprehensions as well as the summary and translation of unseen texts. Paper 2 requires you to write two essays about the film and novel you have studied. Finally, the speaking exam assesses your oral competency in your chosen language and consists of a photo card linked to one of the topics studied as well as a presentation and discussion of your independent research project.

What are the enrichment opportunities in this subject?

We have a number of overseas students in the Sixth Form who are native speakers of different European languages including German.

You will also have the opportunity to work with and coach younger students learning German.

Where does this subject lead at 18+?

When crossing cultural boundaries, language is the single most important tool. Language provides the key to broadening career and educational opportunities, enhancing the exchange of ideas and information and enjoying the beauty of other cultures. A German A level equips you with a wide range of transferable skills such as enhanced communication, critical thinking, research skills, confidence in expressing your ideas and opinions in addition to showing an understanding and empathy for others.

Translating

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