

# GERMAN

## WHY STUDY GERMAN AT STONYHURST?

### MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Small groups led by highly experienced and dedicated staff - maximum class size of 15 students.

A variety of stimulating course enrichment activities, from watching the latest German films to improving your language skills in Germany on an exchange visit with our partner Jesuit school.

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and to reach your full potential as both a student and a person, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Studying German in Higher Line will give you access to more courses at better universities and to a wider range of more interesting careers.

By the end of your language course, you will have increased confidence in your ability to understand and express yourself fluently when conversing or writing about a wide range of topics.

The more contact that you have with the country where the language is spoken, the better and at Stonyhurst we arrange exchange opportunities for students.

This means that not only will you find the listening and speaking parts of the examinations easier but you will also learn a lot about yourself and your own identity too.

Language courses go well with almost any other subject.

### WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ To study a language successfully in the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme, pupils will need to be motivated, curious about other ways of life, and enjoy learning through studying texts in a foreign language.
- ✓ There is a small gap between the finishing point of GCSE and the start of the A Level/IB courses. Ideally we like people to have a 7, 8 or 9, but some have gone on to study German successfully with a lower grade.

### COURSE ENRICHMENT

- ✓ German exchange opportunities – We run a very successful German Exchange with our partner Jesuit school St. Blasien in the Black Forest. Living and engaging in everyday conversation with a German family in the country where the language is spoken is an exciting experience and can only help to improve your listening and speaking language skills
- ✓ Regular contact with mother tongue pupils
- ✓ German Conversation Days with lecturers and students from the Open University.
- ✓ A thriving German Society with German-themed events, activities and speakers.
- ✓ A resident German Assistant who is sourced via the prestigious Gudrun Frey Stiftung.



## WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

One-to-one sessions – Weekly individual classes with a Foreign Language Assistant to boost speaking skills.

## WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

### A LEVEL GERMAN AQA

A Levels have moved away from the traditional AS/A2 structure to a two-year linear course with all examinations at the end of the two years.

The themes studied address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Germany and German-speaking countries.

Assessment is through three examinations at the end of the course:

Paper 1 – Listening, reading and writing (includes translation)

Paper 2 – Written response to artistic works (literature and film)

Paper 3 – Speaking (stimulus card and independent research assignment)

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STANDARD/HIGHER LEVEL

At Stonyhurst you also have the opportunity to study German at a range of levels within the IB.

- ✓ **Ab Initio** is for students with no or limited knowledge of the language. You will learn listening, reading, speaking and writing skills across three main themes: Individual & Society, Leisure & Work, Urban & Rural environment.
- ✓ **Language B** is for students with a good working knowledge of German (GCSE grades 7, 8 or 9 ideally). You will study communication and media, global issues, and social relationships together with two additional topics. At higher level you will also study two works of literature.

- ✓ **Language A** is for students with a native level of the language. You will cover a range of German literature.

Our IB Diploma Programme is designed to produce highly-educated all-rounders who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness, and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.

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