

# Course Description

## German

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This course equips students with the ability to communicate in German and fosters transferable skills including critical thinking and creativity. In addition, it develops the understanding of German culture and society and students will explore the influence of the past on present-day German speaking countries. As part of the course, students will be encouraged to respond to thought-provoking questions and explain viewpoints in German. This is a two year course.

Features of the A Level course include:

- use of up to date authentic texts from a variety of sources – magazines, newspapers and internet articles
- listening to real German in conversations, interviews, news items, DVD and the internet
- study of aspects of society in the German-speaking world
- study of a German film and piece of literature
- opportunities for personal research of topics and independent work
- individual help, support and encouragement throughout the course
- regular sessions with the Foreign Language Assistant

The following topics are studied throughout the course:

#### Year 12

- Changing state of the family
- Digital world
- Youth culture: fashion, music and television
- Festivals and traditions
- Art and architecture
- Cultural life in Berlin

#### Year 13

- Immigration
- Integration
- Racism
- Germany and the European Union
- Politics and youth
- German re-unification and its consequences

### Entry Criteria

The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE German OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.