

Welcome to the Southam College
Sixth Form



Welcome to
A level
German

Year 12

The curriculum

Theme 1: Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends

Theme 2: Artistic culture in the German-speaking world

Study of a film: Good Bye Lenin!



Theme 1

Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends

- **The changing state of the family**
- **The digital world**
- **Youth culture: fashion and trends,
music, television**





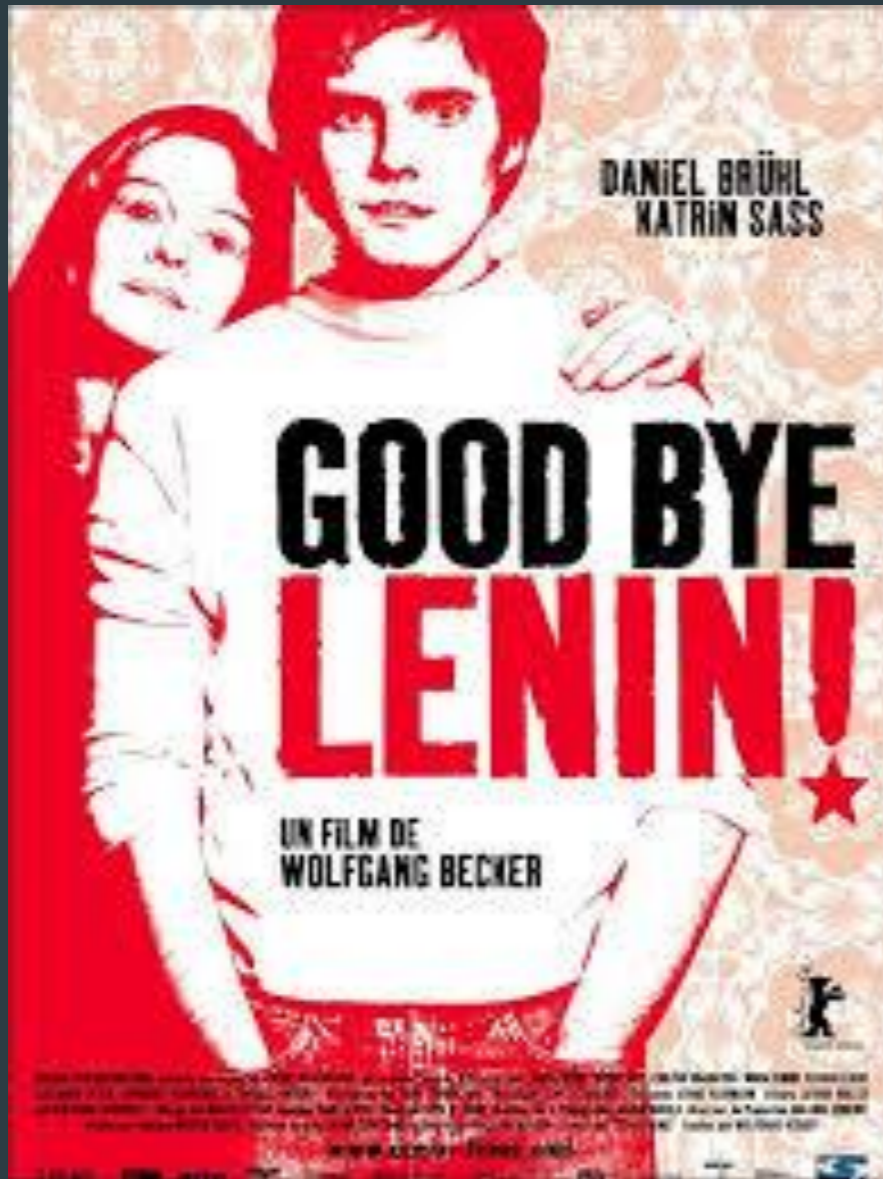
Theme 2

Artistic culture in the German-speaking world:

- **Festivals and traditions**
- **Art and architecture**
- **Cultural life in Berlin, past and present**



Study of a Film



Good Bye Lenin! is a 2003 German tragicomedy film. The story follows a family in East Germany; the mother is dedicated to the socialist cause and falls into a coma in October 1989, shortly before the November revolution.

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Theme 3 - Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

Theme 4 - Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

Study of a book – Der Vorleser



Theme 3

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society:

- **Immigration**
- **Integration**
- **Racism**





Theme 4



Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world:

- **Germany and the European Union**
- **Politics and youth**
- **German re-unification and its consequences**

Study of Literature

As Germany rebuilds itself in the wake of World War II, teenager Michael meets Hanna, several years his senior. Their relationship ends abruptly when Hanna moves away. Years later, while studying law at university, Michael is appalled to discover that Hanna is on trial for a brutal Nazi war crime.



Exams

- ▶ Paper 1: 50%
- ▶ **Listening**
- ▶ **Reading**
- ▶ **Translation into English**
- ▶ **Translation into German**

- ▶ Paper 2: 20%
- ▶ **2 essays: one on the film and one about a piece of literature – 300 words each**

- ▶ Paper 3: 30%
- ▶ **Discussion based on a stimulus card from 1 sub-theme**
- ▶ **Individual research project**

Memorable experiences

Students have the opportunity to take part in the German Exchange with our Partner School in Lauffen near Stuttgart.

There you will immerse yourself in the German culture and language, grow as a person and make life long memories and friends.

Why learn German at A level?

- **Equips you with transferable skills for life:**
 - communication**
 - critical thinking**
 - independence**
 - resourcefulness**
 - adaptability**
- **Improved communication skills which help you see things from a range of perspectives and make you more adaptable and creative.**
- **Greater cultural awareness of the German-speaking world.**

How will an A level in German make you more employable?

Top employers look for the following qualities, all of which you will develop during A level German:

- **social skills**
- **ability to work in a team**
- **communication skills**
- **problem-solving skills**
- **confidence**
- **experience**
- **open mindedness**
- **flexibility**

Other advantages of studying A level German

- **Greater opportunities to travel and work abroad.**
- **Greater opportunities here in the UK even if you don't want to go and work abroad because of the multicultural society we live in.**
- **Having an A level in German gives you the edge in the global job market. Knowing how to converse with people from other countries and cultures is a valued skill.**

Careers

Jobs which involve having a language qualification are not just teaching and translating! It opens so many other doors for you:

- **hospitality and tourism**
- **publishing and media**
- **recruitment and HR**
- **law**
- **advertising and marketing**
- **science and IT**

Entry criteria for A level German

- **GCSE grade 7 in German**
- **GCSE grade 6 in German and a successful Head Start test at the beginning of Year 12**