



German Year 10 GCSE

Curriculum Intent

The German department seeks to develop ambitious and resilient linguists who strive to gain inter-cultural understanding in the countries where German is spoken. We aim to enable students to communicate effectively in a range of topics and contexts whilst being enthusiastic about the culture and customs of the German-speaking world. We intend to build our students up to be inquisitive and curious about culture, knowledgeable and understanding as they step out to explore, and reflective as they see how they grow and develop through Foreign Language learning.

Autumn Term

Students will learn about:

- ✓ the school systems in the German-speaking world
- ✓ describing a school timetable
- ✓ giving opinions on subjects and the school day
- ✓ describing what people wear to school
- ✓ giving and justifying opinions on school rules
- ✓ special events at school
- ✓ talking about school life in the past
- ✓ food and drink from German-speaking countries
- ✓ German-speaking musicians
- ✓ talking about what they like to do in their free time
- ✓ spending time online
- ✓ inviting other people out
- ✓ expressing preferences on films and TV shows
- ✓ describing plans for the weekend in the future

Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ using definite articles for nouns of different genders
- ✓ using the present tense of weak and strong verbs, as well as *sein* and *haben*, including separable verbs
- ✓ using the correct word order after *weil* and *dass*
- ✓ using indefinite articles, including in the accusative case
- ✓ using accusative adjective endings
- ✓ using the present tense of modal verbs
- ✓ using the perfect tense
- ✓ using the simple past of *sein*, *haben* and *geben*
- ✓ using intensifiers
- ✓ placing the verb second (V2) after time phrases
- ✓ asking questions, including the use of *möchte* and *will*
- ✓ using the future tense with *werden*
- ✓ using time-manner-place word order
- ✓ approaching GCSE-style speaking, listening, reading and writing tasks

Spring Term

Students will learn about:

- ✓ festivals and events in the German-speaking world
- ✓ talking about family members
- ✓ talking about relationships with friends
- ✓ talking about equality and identity
- ✓ talking about different forms of discrimination
- ✓ talking about family celebrations in the past
- ✓ talking about festivals
- ✓ talking about planning parties in the future
- ✓ talking about favourite sports in the German-speaking world
- ✓ food and drink in Germany
- ✓ ordering and complaining in a restaurant
- ✓ talking about parts of the body and accidents
- ✓ understanding advice from a doctor

Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ using possessive adjectives
- ✓ using relative pronouns with the correct word order
- ✓ using the dative case after *mit*
- ✓ using the present tense
- ✓ using the perfect and simple past tenses
- ✓ feminine abstract nouns
- ✓ using time-manner-place word order
- ✓ using the future tense with *werden*
- ✓ using *in* followed by the accusative and dative cases
- ✓ using the comparative and superlative of adjectives
- ✓ using *um ... zu ...* infinitive constructions
- ✓ using modal verbs in the simple past tense
- ✓ preparing for the GCSE listening, reading and writing papers ahead of PPE examinations



"Es ist völlig egal, wie langsam du vorankommst. Du überholst immer noch jeden, der gar nichts tut."

How is homework used to enhance learning?

- use Languages Online to consolidate grammar and vocabulary
- practise pronunciation and intonation through speaking tasks uploaded to Showbie
- produce written pieces in the style required by the GCSE specification
- learn vocabulary from the GCSE specification by heart for regular tests
- practise translation skills

Summer Term

Students will learn about:

- ✓ talking about good and bad habits
- ✓ talking about future intentions
- ✓ talking about problems relating to wellbeing
- ✓ talking about what is good for mental health
- ✓ talking about what is important in their lives
- ✓ the achievements of a famous sportswoman
- ✓ cities and towns in the German-speaking world
- ✓ talking about where they live, including transport
- ✓ talking about a day trip in the past
- ✓ asking for information and buying tickets at a train station
- ✓ asking for directions and buying clothes in a town

Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ using the future tense with *werden*
- ✓ using the perfect and simple past tenses
- ✓ using infinitive constructions
- ✓ using *wenn* with the conditional mood
- ✓ using the accusative case after *es gibt*
- ✓ using prepositions followed by the accusative and dative cases
- ✓ using time-manner-place word order
- ✓ using question words
- ✓ using the *Sie* form of the imperative
- ✓ preparing for the GCSE speaking paper ahead of the PPE examination

What does excellence look like?

- accurate verb conjugation in a range of tenses
- giving a range of opinions with justifications
- using adjectives with qualifiers and connectives
- authentic, accurate pronunciation
- accurate V2 word order
- accurate word order after conjunctions
- accurate word order after modal verbs
- interacting spontaneously in spoken German
- solid understanding of the three main cases

How will students be assessed?

- 10-point tests to revisit vocabulary and grammar, and practise translation
- uploading voice recordings to Showbie
- formative skills testing within class
- summative assessment at regular intervals, covering listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation
- peer assessment and self-assessment
- practice with past GCSE papers
- internal PPE assessments to measure GCSE progress

International Opportunities

Visits Programmes



Long-term exchange: Our most able students are invited to participate in our long-standing 8-week exchange programme with the Goethe-Gymnasium in Frankfurt am Main.

Within the curriculum

- ✓ Learning about international travel, including transport arrangements
- ✓ Learning about towns and cities in the German-speaking world
- ✓ Learning about inspirational people from the German-speaking world, including musicians and sportspeople
- ✓ Learning about festivals and cultural events in the German-speaking world