

Curriculum Intent

The German department seeks to develop ambitious and resilient linguists who recognise their common humanity and strive to gain inter-cultural understanding and respect. We aim to provide an understanding of German in a range of themes (Identities, Education, Town, Holidays, Leisure, Healthy living) which enables students to communicate effectively in authentic situations on their exchange visits and prepare for the challenges of developing the language at a higher level in KS4 and the Sixth Form. We intend to develop our students to be inquisitive and curious about German-speaking cultures, knowledgeable and understanding, open-minded and courageous as they personally develop through their learning of German.

Autumn Term

Students will learn:-

- Comparing a town in the past with now
- Describing where we have been
- Describing where we stay on holiday
- Describing holiday destinations in German-speaking countries
- Describing how we get there
- Describing the weather
- Describe plans for the next holiday
- Describing what we did in the past and are planning to do in the future
- Describing films we like
- Describing TV programmes
- Describing reading preferences
- Discussing screen time – comparing how much
- Discussing why we learn languages
- Discussing jobs that can use languages
- Describing what we did in the past and are planning to do in the future

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Imperfect tense
- Perfect tense
- Present tense
- Future tense
- Asking questions in the perfect tense
- Use of perfect, present and future tenses in context of hobbies
- Modal verbs wollen, sollen, dürfen, können
- Using prepositions with the dative case

Spring Term

Students will learn:-

- Describing German food for different occasions and meals
- Describing healthy lifestyles
- Typical/ traditional German food
- Describing rules in the context of a school trip/youth hostel
- Comparing different rules and expectations in different cultures
- Describing daily routine
- Giving directions
- Describing a festival

Knowledge, Understanding & Skills:

- Imperatives
- Practice with stem-changing verbs
- Using the verb müssen
- Using reflexive and separable verbs in the present and perfect tenses
- Imperatives in ihr and Sie forms
- Using adjectives to describe nouns

"Jeder, der sich die Fähigkeit erhält, Schönes zu erkennen, wird nie alt werden." Franz Kafka



How is homework used to enhance learning?

- Pearson Active Learn, Memrise, Quizlet, Languagesonline, Gimkit
- Researching an unusual holiday experience
- Designing a holiday homepage
- Researching media habits in German-speaking countries
- Researching German recipes and specialities
- Researching different locations in German speaking countries for class trips
- Researching different rules and expectations
- Researching fair trade labels
- Researching fashion in both parts of Germany during 20th Century and comparing those to modern fashion
- Researching a famous German brand

Summer Term

What does Excellence look like?

- Asking and answering questions, spontaneously
- Keeping the conversation going, interacting
- Accurate verb conjugation
- Giving a range of opinions with justifications
- Use of adjectives with intensifiers and simple connectives
- Authentic pronunciation
- Accurate word order
- Capitals on nouns

Students will learn:-

- Describing clothes and comparing styles
- Talking about plans for a future date
- Discussing how the date went
- Debating pros and cons of uniforms
- Changing fashions in Germany
- Researching Fairtrade labels

How will students be assessed?

- 10 point tests – testing vocabulary, grammar and translation
- Skills testing within class (formative)
- Summative assessment each half-term (skill tested varies)
- Peer and self-assessment

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Use dürfen and müssen
- Using reflexive and separable verbs
- Using imperatives in the du, ihr and Sie forms
- Using adjectives to describe nouns
- Using *wenn* clauses
- Future tense
- Asking questions using a wider variety of verbs
- Using past, present and future to narrate

International Opportunities

Visits Programmes

Wiesbaden:
Exchange with GYMNASIUM AM MOSBACHER BERG

Schloss Freudenberg/Art exhibitions, Romance Tour in the Rheingau, Frankfurt - skyscraper/maintower, Senckenberg Museum – National History Museum, Gutenberg printing Museum

Within the curriculum

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