



German Yr 9

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:-

- What you did in the holidays
- School subjects - opinions
- Clothes
- What's in your pencil case
- Talking about what you are and not looking forward to at school this year
- Giving opinions with reasons, using denn and weil
- Describing a school day
- Discussing school rules
- Schools in German Speaking Countries
- Talking about a school exchange
- Talking about success and achievement at school

Knowledge, understanding & Skills

- Stem-changing verbs in present tense
- Perfect tense revision (with haben and sein)
- Imperfect tense
- Future tense (in context of school exchange)
- Adjective declination
- Modal verbs
- Perfect tense of separable verbs
- Understanding a literary text

Spring Term

Students will learn:-

- Discuss my leisure activities
- Discuss reading activities
- Discuss music preferences
- Discuss film and television
- Discuss sport in Switzerland
- Learn about celebrations and festivals
- Say how often I and others do things

Knowledge, understanding & Skills:

- Nouns and articles accurately
- Adverbs of frequency and place
- Gern, lieber, am liebsten
- Plural nouns
- Conditional (Konjunktiv II)
- Using several tenses together
- Considering activities that are popular in German-speaking countries (i.e. Handball)



"Wir leben alle unter dem gleichen Himmel, aber wir haben nicht alle den gleichen Horizont." Konrad Adenauer

How is homework used to enhance learning?

- Pearson Active Learn, Memrise, Quizlet, Languagesonline, Gimkit
- Research of what German schools are like
- Prepare a text about your school that you could include on your partnering form ahead of your exchange, include questions
- Video about your ideal school
- Research the weirdest free time activities in German speaking countries
- Video conversation between two friends / video interview with pupil in another year/class
- Brieffreunde: Email to German pupil about free time, including questions
- Research German celebrities who could be your role model

Summer Term

What does Excellence look like?

- Asking and answering questions, spontaneously
- Accurate verb conjugation, in a range of tenses
- Giving a range of opinions with justifications
- Accurate use of adjectives
- Authentic pronunciation
- Accurate word order
- Capitals on nouns
- Varied vocabulary – no interessant or gut!
- Range of constructions to meet "creative" criteria
- Some idiomatic usage

Students will learn:-

- Describing photos
- Talking about what makes a good friend
- Describing relationships
- Discussing weekend activities
- Discussing role models
- Comparing your life as a child with your life now

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

- Accurate declination of adjectives
- Possessive adjectives
- Dative with *mit*
- Prepositions *in* and *an*
- Pronouns to talk about different people
- Using modal verbs in the imperfect tense

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

- Discussion about the differences between German – speaking and English schools.
- Preparation for the German exchange
- Discuss sport in Switzerland
- Learn about celebrations and festivals in German speaking countries
- Discussion about international role models