



AQA GCSE German



Who is it for?

The course is suited to students who have an interest in German language and/or the culture of Germany. It will also appeal to those students who want to try something a little different to usual foreign language learning.. Most pupils will be encountering the language for the first time or will have only been learning it for a short time, so it really is an exciting opportunity, which will present variety, fun and challenge. There may be an opportunity to visit Germany to consolidate learning and, to that end, we would also encourage pupils to buy a revision guide through school, when the opportunity arises.

What will students study?

There are three main themes which you will study over the two years. These are

- 1) Identity and culture.
- 2) Local, national, international and global areas of interest.
- 3) Current and future study and employment.

These three topics break down into twelve further sub-topics, such as 'My family' or 'Music' and it is these which you will encounter in the classroom.

In addition to these topics, there is a large emphasis on both grammar and translation from German in to English and from English in to German.

How will it be assessed?

There are four final exams in the language and these are in listening, speaking, reading and writing, each of which contributing to twenty-five per cent of the final grade. Students may either sit a foundation tier or a higher tier exam, with the higher tier papers consisting of more questions and pitched at a higher level of German.

What can this qualification lead to?

There are hundreds of job opportunities which can come around through learning a language. Business, tourism, journalism, advertising, sales, IT, banking, engineering, law, medicine and the armed forces are just a few of the areas, in which knowing a language is beneficial. If you also factor in to this the increased wage earning potential and low unemployment rates of language graduates, then learning German should be an essential skill for the majority of people.

Do you have any questions?

Speak to Mr Milner or your languages teacher for further information.