**Welcome to Year 12 German!**

Type of course: 2 year linear (final exams in Yr 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

**Link to specification:** <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

**Content of exams:**

* **Paper 1** - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation (G to E and E to G)
  + Based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
  + 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
* **Paper 2** - Essay paper – written in German
  + 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
  + 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
  + Film to be studied (start Autumn Yr 12) ‘Goodbye Lenin’
  + Book to be studied (start at end of Yr 12) ‘Russendisko – Wladimir Kaminer
* **Paper 3** – Speaking
  + Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Yrs 12 and 13
  + Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
  + Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

**Year 12 topic content:**

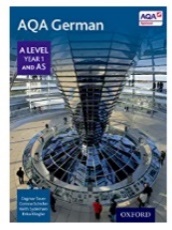
* Familie im Wandel
* Die Digitale Welt
* Jugendkultur
* Feste und Traditionen
* Kunst und Architektur
* Das Berliner Kulturleben

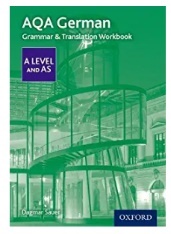
**Year 13 topic content:**

* Einwanderung
* Integration
* Rassismus
* Deutschland und die Europäische Union
* Die Politik und die Jugend
* Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folge



**You will need:**

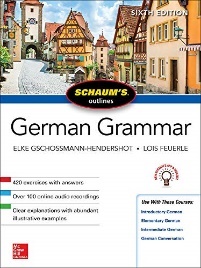
* A5 journal/notebook for vocabulary
* A4 lever arch file (big and tall)
* A4 loose leaf paper
* Set of at least 10 dividers
* Textbook (can be second hand but make sure it’s the correct edition):

AQA German A Level Year 1 and AS, Sauer, Schicker et al Oxford, 2016

ISBN 978 019 836689 8

You can also access this through Kerboodle. If you used it in Year 11 – your access should still work.

* Grammar workbook (Second hand not advisable as you’ll be writing in this. Make sure it’s the correct edition):

AQA German Grammar and Translation Workbook A Level and AS, Sauer, Oxford, 2017 ISBN 978 019 841554 1

* I also recommend: Schaum’s outlines German Grammar ISBN 978 1 260 12099 8
* It is excellent for grammar explanations and activities to practise them. (answers are included)

**To do ideas before term starts:**

**1 Grammar \*\*\*required learning\*\*\*:**

Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:

* Present tense regular and irregular
* Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
* Future tense
* Word order, in particular:
  + Verb second and inversion
  + Time Manner Place
  + How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

* [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
* [BBC Bitesize German](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr)
* [www.german.net](http://www.german.net) (lots of grammar revision activities to choose from here)

**2 Online learning – topic vocab, useful phrases + expressions \*\*\*required learning\*\*\*:**

* [Quizlet – Yr 12 German](https://quizlet.com/join/aXGZuudap) https://quizlet.com/join/xmEF6HqWX

* [Memrise – Yr 12 German](https://www.memrise.com/group/402292/) - https://app.memrise.com/course/1640524/aqa-german-a-level-year-1/
* [Duolingo – Yr 12 German](https://www.duolingo.com/o/byazmp) - <https://www.duolingo.com/o/cvufyt>
* Also try this Kahoot game:

[Das große Deutschland Quiz](https://kahoot.it/challenge/07593511?challenge-id=ed68efdc-8518-40e9-8d4e-64d99a3b21d3_1587290124623)

**3 Follow your fancy: choose activities from the following categories**

**a) TV and Films to watch**

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| Site | Title | TV/Film | Summary |
| Netflix | Skylines | TV | Crime drama series about hip-hop producer |
| Holiday Secrets | TV | Family secrets come out at Christmas |
| We Are The Wave | TV | Teens revolt against nationalism |
| Criminal: Germany | TV | Set within the interview room of a police station |
| Charité | TV | Medical/historical drama |
| Charité at War | TV | Set in hospital during WW2 |
| Dark | TV | Mystery drama – German ‘Stranger Things’ |
| Nailed It! Germany | TV | Amateur baking show |
| Look Who’s Back | Film | Satire about Hitler |
| The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch | Film | Comedy about an Orthodox Jewish man falling in love with a non-Jewish woman |
| Rock My Heart | Film | Animal film |
| My Führer | Film | Comedy about Hitler preparing for a speech |
| We are young. We are strong. | Film | Based on the Xenophobic riots in North Germany in the 1990s |
| Trick or Treaters | Film | Animation |
| Amazon Prime | Welcome to Germany | Film | A German family takes in a refugee |
| Balloon | Film | Germans attempt to flee the East by using a hot air balloon. |
| Behind the Wall | Docu | Documentary about East/West Berlin and the fall of the wall. |
| Das Leben der Anderen (Lives of Others) | Film | Film about the work of the Stasi in East German and how they spied on the population |
| All4/Walter Presents | Deutschland 83  Deutschland 86 | TV | Drama about young East German sent as a spy to the West. |
| YouTube | Sophie Scholl | Film | Film about the anti-Nazi resistance fighter, Sophie Scholl |
| Das Wunder von Bern | Film | Film about a young boy who adores football and the first World Cup after WW2 |
| zdf.de | German equivalent of iPlayer | Films, documentaries, series, current affairs, series, soaps, culture- all in German – give it a go! | |
| ardmediathek.de/ard | German equivalent of iPlayer | Films, documentaries, series, current affairs, series, soaps, culture- all in German. Give the police series *Tatort* a go – different city teams have their own series! | |

**b) Music, Books and Podcasts**

* Discover German music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/goethe-institut>
* Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete ‘advanced’ (or even ‘expert’?!) <https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
* With a free Norfolk Libraries card you can access thousands of international newspapers and publications in many languages through the PressReader app for free.
* Instructions on how to set this up <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/find-an-item/ebooks-and-eaudio>
* Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

**c) Getting to know the German society and the Germans**

* Explore what’s typical of Germany and German society and uncover some of the quirks! Videos in English <https://www.dw.com/en/top-stories/meet-the-germans/s-32641> , Resources in German: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/lp/prj/mtg/mat/deindex.htm> and video lessons with resources <https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/das-deutschlandlabor/s-32379>

**d) News and current affairs**

* Bulletin of daily news in slowed down German + transcript: <https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030> To practice pronunciation and intonation, read along, out loud, with the script.
* More news in Slow German <https://open.spotify.com/show/4CAPKEyQ9KHtm9XEkjWHp3> Scroll down to **‘7 Tage Rückblick’** and watch 1 episode of news every week, making a note of ANYTHING you understand (and ignoring what you don’t for now):
* <https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html>
* Start following at least 3 different German language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from Germany, Switzerland and Austria
* Research: What are the political parties in Germany/Switzerland/Austria? Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

**e) Social Media**

* Start a collection of German language memes
* Follow a range of German language social media accounts: you could start by looking at the **@goetheinstitut\_london or @dw\_deutschlernen** page on IG
* Find out who the current social media influencers are in German, Switzerland and Austria
* Follow a range of German social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests

**f) Other ideas**

* Find a German recipe and try it out. Cake, anyone?,*50 Kuchen, eine Heimat* <https://www.dw.com/de/themen/50-k%C3%BCchen-eine-heimat/s-32912>
* Research a topic of your interest related to German or a German-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
* Vlog your summer, create memes, write a song, poem or story – get creative!
* Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the German:
* states https://[online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3014](https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3014)
* capital cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3189>
* important cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3030>
* Research these opportunities for visiting Germany:
  + <https://ukgermanconnection.org/yp/get-involved/german-pupil-courses/>
  + <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/germany/>
* Find your preferred online dictionary
  + http://dict.cc - Extensive online German dictionary from a number of languages
  + [www.WordRef.com](http://www.wordref.com) - online dictionaries in a number of languages
  + [www.duden.de](http://www.duden.de) - monolingual German dictionary
  + [www.verbix.com](http://www.verbix.com) - online verb conjugator
  + [www.collinsdictionaries.com](http://www.collinsdictionaries.com)
  + [www.bab.la](http://www.bab.la)
  + www.pons.com
  + [www.lexicool.com](http://www.lexcool.com)
  + <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
* And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
  + **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool [www.linguee.com](http://www.linguee.com)
  + **Deepl** - even more advanced than Linguee - [www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)
* Find a range of German language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
* Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into German

If you have any questions, then please drop us a line: [e.gibson@cns-school.org](mailto:e.gibson@cns-school.org)

See you soon, bis bald!