

# GERMAN

## A LEVEL

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course centres on effective communication (both spoken and written), as well as giving students an insight into the culture and traditions of the German speaking countries. Students are exclusively taught by native speaker teachers. One lesson per week will take place in the Language Laboratory in order to enhance listening comprehension skills, as well as allowing students to research cultural topics.

During the first year, the following broad topic areas are covered: Stereotypes, Equality and Gender, Modern World Issues, Aspects of Artistic Culture and you will study a contemporary German film.

In the second year, three new themes are covered: Law and Order, Medical Advances and Related Ethical Issues, Aspects of Political Culture and you will study a literary text.

The AS exam is a free-standing qualification. Students wishing to gain the A Level in German will have to take the exam at the end of the second year. Both AS and A2 exams consist of three components: listening and reading comprehension, writing and speaking.

All students will have the opportunity to participate in the annual visit to Berlin.

### WHAT NEXT?

A key course for students planning to study or work in a German speaking country or continue on to university to study languages and related subjects. It also provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Languages are of growing significance in our globalised world and multi-lingual employees are highly sought after by organisations worldwide.

Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into related employment.

#### ASSESSMENT

Exam (100%) Oral and written papers combining listening, reading and writing.

#### DURATION

2 years

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 GCSE German or similar level of competence, grade 5 in English and grade 4 in Maths.

#### EXAM BOARD

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#### COSTS

A dictionary for work at home is advised plus optional field trips.