

German: A-level (Awarding Body AQA)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE in German at grade 6, although grade 7 or higher is preferred. You should have an ability to manipulate verbs in a variety of tenses.

CONTENT

The A-level course builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE, with a focus on language, culture and society. The A-level German course is likely to be taught as a joint Areté Learning Trust class in conjunction with Stokesley Sixth Form College. Students will need access to a laptop/Chrome book and headphones to facilitate this method of learning. Students will learn about the culture and history of German-speaking countries and will acquire an understanding of everyday life, as well as the key events that have shaped these countries. Students will study a wide range of popular, culturally-rich topics including current affairs and politics.

The key components of the course will be:

- Spontaneous conversation. Asking and answering questions, expressing opinions, developing ideas/arguments and presenting viewpoints. The speaking element of the course will be 30%
- Listening to and responding to a range of spoken passages
- Reading and responding to a range of authentic texts
- Translation of passages from German to English and from English to German
- The study of two literary works comprising one film and one novel/play/selection of poems.
- The development of independent research skills on a topic of personal interest

PROGRESSION

Whatever your plans for the future, knowledge of German can increase your options. On successfully completing an A-level, students are well prepared to embark on a degree in German and the department has a successful record of sending students to further study and work abroad.

Fluency in a language is a practical skill for life that can be applied to careers in Business, Science and Research, Media and Information Technology, as well as the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality industries.

GENERAL COMMENTS

A foreign language is a key skill and an attractive asset for prospective employers. Germany is the most economically-successful European country and the UK's main trading partner in Europe. There is a national shortage of British employees who can speak German. In a changing European Union the demand for professionals who can speak more than one language is continuing to increase.



I chose to study German at Richmond Sixth Form College because of the support and content of the course.

Regular speaking of German in a small class size has allowed for a significant development in my communication skills. Gaining a deeper understanding of a culture and its population

is vital for learning languages, and the German course does this by blending aspects of modern German life, the history of Germany and other areas of interest, such as technology, literature and film. Having a second language has enabled me to look at a variety of paths for university and beyond .



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