



Wallington High School for Girls

Sixth Form

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| Subject: German | | Exam board: AQA |
| Course information: | | |
| A-level | <p>Topics studied are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Aspects of German-speaking society</u> • The changing state of the family • The digital world • Youth culture: fashion and trends, music, television • <u>Multiculturalism in German-speaking society</u> • Immigration • Integration • Racism • <u>Artistic culture in the German-speaking world</u> • Festivals and traditions • Art and architecture • Cultural life in Berlin, past and present • <u>Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world</u> • Germany and the European Union • Politics and youth • German re-unification and its consequences <p><u>Cultural Topic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students study 1 book and 1 film <p><u>Individual Research Topic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to a German-speaking country (for oral only) | |
| Assessment | Paper 1 | Listening, reading, translation and writing assessment – 2 hrs 30 minutes – 50% of A Level |
| | Paper 2 | Writing assessment on the book and film studied + translation into German – 2 hrs – 20% of A Level |
| | Paper 3 | Speaking Assessment (a discussion card and the research project) – approximately 20 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) – 30% of A Level |
| <p>Summer Transition Work: Complete all the exercises in the transition work booklet. Exercises focus on the core grammar points we covered in GCSE. In the first three weeks of Year 12, we will go through this work and revise the grammar points again. This will give you a solid foundation for A-level German.</p> <p>Approximate completion time: 6 hours for booklet + regular wider reading/ listening</p> <p>Suggested Summer Wider Reading:</p> <p><i>The Shortest History of Germany</i> by James Hawes</p> <p>Read any newspapers or magazines in German, for example “der Spiegel” “Focus” or “Stern”</p> | | |



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Read some German literature, either in the original or translated into English or both together, e.g.

- Die Verwandlung/ Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- Der Vorleser/ The Reader by Bernhard Schlink
- Die Ausgewanderten/ The Emigrants by W G Sebald
- Tintenherz/ Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Read some books about Germany:

- Stasiland: Stories from behind the Berlin Wall by Anna Funder
- Germany: Memories of a Nation by Neil MacGregor