

# German

## Qualifications

Exam board: AQA 7661 (AS) and 7662 (A2)

End of Year 13 – A2 Level (two year course only)

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or higher (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade 6 in German. A grade 5 will be considered with a 6 in the written component of the exam.

## Skills Required

The course enables students to develop communicative skills learnt at GCSE with greater confidence and accuracy. Students are expected to express opinions and debate current affairs topics, looking at both sides of the argument. An independent love and interest in German culture and current affairs is essential.

## Course Outline

A Level language courses immerse students in the culture of the foreign language and allow for more personalised contact with the Foreign Language Assistant. Students develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of the countries where German is spoken, studying the influence of the past on present-day German-speaking communities, technological change, German-speaking artistic culture, including art and architecture. Students study a literary text or a film, exploring aspects such as plot, characterisation, imagery or other stylistic features.

## Student Testimony

“I have found A Level German very different to GCSE, and it is an exciting change. I love the challenge of not only learning the language but also learning about a different culture.”

## Career Paths & Degree Courses

Studying a foreign language equips students with skills which are much in demand in the world of business and commerce, both in the UK and abroad. We often hear that language study is declining, but this course will give our students the competitive edge in the global marketplace. Languages are often complementary and are not always necessarily the key skill. There are many language/combined courses available to choose from at University. Particular careers involving languages consist of: Interpreting, translation, journalism, marketing, software development, engineering. The list is endless!

Year 12	Year 13
<b>Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing</b> Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 40% of AS	<b>Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing</b> Written exam: 2½ hours 160 marks in total 40% of A level
<b>Paper 2 - Writing</b> Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes 60 marks 30% of AS	<b>Paper 2 - Writing</b> Written exam: 2 hours 90 marks in total 30% of A level
<b>Paper 3 - Speaking</b> Oral exam: 12-14 minutes (15 minutes preparation time prior to this) 60 marks 30% of AS	<b>Paper 3 - Speaking</b> Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (5 minutes preparation time prior to this) 60 marks in total 30% of A level