

Year 12 GERMAN

Students will build on their knowledge of German through three overarching themes in y12 and 13: social issues and trends, political and artistic culture and grammar. Students will also study a book (Der Vorleser- largely studied this year) and a film (Das Leben der Anderen - studied in y13). At the end of y12 students will also begin preparation for the IRP (Independent Research Project) for the speaking exam where they will be able to explore a particular aspect of germanic culture in detail.

Throughout y12, students will perfect their grammatical knowledge and will work with increasingly complex language with the aim to form justified arguments to respond critically and analytically to questions relating to topics covered in lessons. Through increased exposure and opportunities to speak the language in class, students will quickly develop their levels of fluency in the language.

Lessons include a variety of opportunities for students to acquire and apply language skills in listening, reading, speaking, writing and translating. Lessons are varied and include opportunities to work in pairs or in groups or independently. Students will have access to a range of online resources and will be encouraged to go beyond work set in the classroom to gain as much authentic and consistent exposure to the language as possible. Retrieval practice is evident in Brain In Gear activities at the start of every lesson and they are all linked to prior learning.

Students will complete the end of unit review sections, assessments and online practise questions. They will also engage in speaking and translation practice to mirror the requirements of the A-level specification. Transactional use of German is further established.

Year 12 Curriculum	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Topics	Transition unit The changing family Different types of family in German-speaking countries Modern marriage and partnerships in German-speaking countries	Study of Der Vorleser Digital world The role of social networks in our everyday lives The role of mobile phones and computers today	Youth culture- fashion, music, TV Music and songs in German-speaking countries Celebrities as role models in the lives of young people Fashion trends in German-speaking countries	Festivals and traditions How New Year and Christmas are celebrated in Germany Carnival and other festivals in different areas of Germany	Art and architecture Characteristic features of different building styles up to 1900 Various artists and styles of art	Cultural life in Berlin now and then How Berlin developed from 18th century onwards Theatres, music and museums in Berlin

Grammar	How the idea of a modern family is changing	Modern internet celebrities and the darker side of technology	The development of TV-watching technology	Public holidays as a business opportunity		Cultural life in Berlin during the Nazi period Diversity in the population of Berlin
	Present tense - weak, strong and irregular verbs Definite and indefinite articles Adjectives Perfect tense and word formation	Genders Pronouns Correct word order (inversion, time-manner-place) Prepositions with cases Future tense	Present tense modal verbs Perfect and imperfect tenses Forming questions Infinitive constructions Use of pronouns Cases with verbs The imperative Determiners	Perfect tense of haben, sein and the modal verbs Modal verbs in the imperfect Adverbs Use the passive with 'werden' and the imperfect tense Separable and inseparable verbs Reflexive verbs	Correct word order in subordinate clauses - conjunctions Comparatives and superlatives of adjectives and adverbs Pluperfect tense	Prepositions and prepositional adverbs Adjectives - endings, and with and without cases Infinitive constructions with and without 'zu' Imperfect subjunctive in conditional clauses
Assessment Vocabulary tests preceded by relentless retrieval practice. Tests have large translation element to go beyond word level *	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)	End of unit assessments (reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks)
	Regular vocabulary tests*	Regular vocabulary tests*	Regular vocabulary tests* Practice speaking, reading, listening and writing exams	Regular vocabulary tests* AS German speaking exams	Regular vocabulary tests*	Regular vocabulary tests* AS German listening, reading and writing exams

Independent Work

Independent work is a vital part of becoming more proficient in German. It may take several forms: learning vocabulary in context, online tasks, preparing answers for an oral or written assessment, research, a presentation, translating, redrafting work.

Tasks set on Kerboodle platform

Free access to authentic reading materials

Students continue to broaden the exposure to the language through watching bespoke German subtitled films (recommended list).