

German

Examination board – AQA

This course will enable you to become confident in the language. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of the language, culture and society of German-speaking countries. You will also study two literary texts in depth. You will also have the opportunity to carry out an individual research project on an aspect of Germanic culture. We teach in small groups at this level and the lessons are conducted mainly in German. You will also have one-to-one sessions with the native speaker German assistant.

The AQA Advanced Level in German consists of two externally examined papers assessing Listening, Reading and Writing and a Speaking assessment. The Speaking assessment is externally set and conducted by an external teacher-examiner. All assessments are marked by AQA. Students must complete their speaking assessment during a timetabled assessment window in April/May and all other assessments take place in June in the same year.

AQA A Level Content

Year One Content

1. Aspects of German-speaking society: Changing state of the family, the digital world, youth culture (fashion and trends, music, television).
2. Artistic culture in the German-speaking world: Festivals and traditions, art and architecture, cultural life in Berlin, past and present.
3. The study of one literary text.
4. Grammar.

Year Two Content

1. Multiculturalism in German-speaking society: Immigration, integration, racism.
2. Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world: Germany and the European Union, politics and youth, German re-unification and its consequences.
3. The study of one literary text.
4. Grammar.
5. The individual research project.

AQA A Level Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation (Paper Code: 7662/1)

- Written examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of the qualification

Themes are based on the society and culture of the language.

Section A: Listening and Writing (30 marks)

A listening assessment based on four passages that feature male and female German speakers.

Students will respond to comprehension questions based on a variety of contexts, themes and sources. The students are required to write a summary in German of one of the listening passages.

Section B: Reading and Writing (30 marks)

A reading assessment based on a variety of text types and genres where students must respond

to comprehension questions. For one question the students must write a summary in German of the content of the passage in no more than 90 words. In this paper there are also two translation passages worth 10 marks each, one from English into German and the other from German into English.

Paper 2: Written Response to Literary

Texts/Films (Paper code: 7662/2)

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 80 marks
- 20% of the qualification

This paper draws on the study of two discrete works of literature in German: the literary texts listed for study by AQA include novels, plays, poetry and short stories. Students must study either two literature works or one literary text and one film. In the examination the students must write their analytical response in German.

Paper 3: Speaking (Paper code: 7662/3)

- Oral examination: 21-23 minutes (with 5 minutes preparation time)
- 60 marks
- 30% of the qualification

Externally assessed with an external examiner. The examination is composed of two parts: the student must first answer questions on and discuss a photo card which is related to one of the themes studied during the course. The candidate must then give a short presentation on their research project relating to any aspect of German-speaking society and culture. This will be followed by an analytical discussion of the issues raised in the research project.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities at A Level

- Oxbridge lessons
- Mentoring system for younger students
- Cultural trips to German-speaking countries
- Oxbridge conference

GCSE Entry Requirements

We would like students to have achieved grade 7 – 9 in GCSE German.