

## German GCSE

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Examining Board: AQA

German at Key Stage 4 builds rapidly upon students' knowledge of the language gained in Year 8. The three-year course will gradually develop students' ability, in order that they can be tested in the four language skills of listening and responding, speaking, reading and writing, as prescribed by the new GCSE syllabus.

Developing the self-confidence to actively speak and write in German lies at the heart of the Department's ethos. Progress is assessed by means of homework exercises, vocabulary tests, oral work and written assignments related to the GCSE themes. Students are encouraged to produce, expand and develop their own ideas in response to written and visual stimuli. From Year 10 onwards, students have access to the departmental online Memrise account, aiding them in the acquisition of vocabulary.

It is vital that students should be exposed to as much German language and culture as possible. To this end, use is made of a variety of digital and non-digital resources. All students will have the opportunity to visit Germany during the course. In recent years students have visited Munich (Germany) and Salzburg (Austria) and this has proved memorable for all involved.

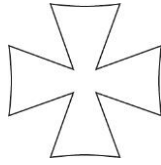
### Course outline:

Listening Exam: 25% of GCSE

- Listening comprehension tasks based on spoken passages from a range of different contexts, to be answered in English.
- Listening comprehension tasks based on spoken passages from a range of different contexts, to be answered in German.
- Dictation of short, spoken extracts

Reading Exam: 25% of GCSE

- Reading comprehension tasks based on written texts from a range of different contexts, to be answered in English.
- Reading comprehension tasks based on written texts from a range of different contexts, to be answered in German.
- Translation from German into English of sentences or a short text



#### Speaking Exam: 25% of GCSE

- Reading Aloud – read aloud a short, written text and undertake a short, unprepared conversation relating to the text
- Role Play Card – performance of a short role-play
- Photo Card – talk about one or more photographs or pictures and extend this conversation into a short, unprepared interaction

#### Writing Exam: 25% of GCSE

- Structured writing task in German of approximately 90 words
- Open-ended writing task in German of approximately 150 words
- Translation from English into German of sentences or a short text