

German in the Sixth Form



The Abbey School

German A Level

Studying German beyond (I)GCSE level will give you the life-long ability to communicate in a foreign language, enhancing your future travel and work prospects and opening up a whole new culture and society to you. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe and a really useful language to **have on your CV** – Germany has the fourth strongest economy in the world.

The German department is staffed by an experienced team of native and non-native speakers and students benefit from weekly conversation classes with the language assistant. German can be combined with almost any subject at university, with the majority of language courses involving an opportunity to spend a year abroad. Apart from careers in translating, interpreting or teaching, there is an ever-increasing number of openings that combine advanced language skills with professions in finance, the law, business and science.

A Level

A Level German helps students develop confident, effective communication skills in the language and provides them with a thorough understanding of the culture of Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Syllabus Content

- German-speaking society (family, digital world, youth culture)
- Artistic culture in the German-speaking world (traditions, art, cultural life of Berlin)
- Multi-culturalism in German-speaking society
- Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world (the EU, politics, history)
- One German film and one novel or play
- A research project on the student's chosen aspect of German-speaking culture.

Assessment

Paper 1 Listening and reading comprehension/Translation into English 50 % weighting
Paper 2 Translation into German/Essays on the film and novel studied. 20 % weighting
Paper 3 Speaking examination - Discussion of a stimulus card and presentation and discussion of the candidate's individual research project. 30 % weighting