

German in the Sixth Form



The Abbey School

German IB

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.

IB

IB German can be studied at Standard or Higher level and focuses on language acquisition such that, by the end of the course, students are able to communicate spontaneously in both formal and informal settings. Language skills are developed through the study of a range of authentic written and spoken material, varying from everyday oral exchanges to literary texts, with a strong emphasis on creativity. Higher candidates also study two novels.

Syllabus Content

- Identities (life-style, health, beliefs, subcultures, language and identity)
- Experiences (leisure, travel, life stories, rites of passage, traditions, migration)
- Human Ingenuity (entertainment, artistic expressions, the media, technology, scientific innovation)
- Social Organization (relationships, community, social engagement, education, the working world, law and order)
- Sharing the Planet (environment, human rights, peace and conflict, equality, globalization, ethics, urban and rural environment)

Assessment

Paper 1 Writing
SL - One writing task of 250-400 words HL – One writing task of 450-600 words 25 % weighting
Paper 2 Listening and reading
SL - 1 hr 45 HL – 2 hrs 50 % weighting