



Wakefield Girls' High School
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
Wakefield

Course Guide

A-level German

Technical Information

A-level

A-level Course Title	Unit Code	Awarding Body
German	7662	AQA

A-level Examinations:

Name	Method of Assessment	Marks
Listening, reading and Writing	Written paper 2 hours 30 mins	Marks 160
Writing	Written paper 2 hours	Marks 90
Speaking	Oral exam 21-23 mins	Marks 60

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German

Background Knowledge and Qualifications

You should have achieved a good grade at GCSE in German. Most important, however, is an interest in developing the knowledge and communication skills you have acquired through your study of the language at GCSE.

You might ask yourself:

- Are you predicted to achieve a good grade in your German GCSE?
- Do you enjoy being able to communicate in another language?
- Do you enjoy getting to grips with new language structures?
- Would you like to find out more about the culture and society of German-speaking countries?
- Are you planning to study languages at University?
- Would you like to study a foreign language alongside another area of interest?
- Will offering another European language increase your future job prospects?

Course Description

As well as improving your mastery of the language, all aspects of the course focus on the society, culture and history of German-speaking countries. You will finish the course not only as a proficient speaker of the language, but also as a young adult going out into the diverse environment of Higher Education or employment with a greater understanding of the world around you.

Furthermore, you will have developed a range of transferable skills including communication, research skills, critical thinking and creativity.

Course Content

Aspects of German-speaking society

- The changing state of the family
- The digital world
- Fashion, music and TV

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

- Immigration
- Integration
- Racism

Artistic culture in the German-speaking world

- Festivals and traditions
- Art and architecture
- Cultural life in Berlin, past and present

Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

- Germany and the European Union
- Politics and youth
- German re-unification and its consequences

The course content provides the context for honing the four language skills of Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. In addition, students in both years will study the grammatical system and structure of German. You will also build on your translation skills into and out of German.

A-level students will study two set texts, or one book and one film over the two years.

German A-level provides the opportunity to carry out individual research pursuing a subject of personal interest, relating to the German-speaking world. You will find that developing research skills is a valuable preparation for university study. You might wish to explore the Bauhaus movement in German art and architecture, the reasons behind the German football team's success, the role of Angela Merkel in modern Germany, or perhaps focus your research on a particular musician or artist, for example.

Our experienced teaching staff will inform, encourage and guide you to facilitate your learning. Authentic sources from the media and the internet will support your studies as your curiosity about the culture of German-speaking countries grows. You will use the two language laboratories to practise your language skills and will have access to literature and films in the school library. You will participate in regular conversation classes, in small groups and on a one-to-one basis, with our German assistant. There may also be the opportunity to participate in a work experience or language-study trip. There is no coursework at A-level.

Use of Course and Qualifications

German can combine with any other A-level subjects. It would suit those wishing to study a language at university or those looking to combine German with another subject. Law, Business Studies, Marketing, Accountancy, Sciences, Engineering or Architecture all complement the study of German. Indeed, with its transferable skills, universities have offered places to our linguists on a wide range of courses, including Medicine, Dentistry and Psychology.

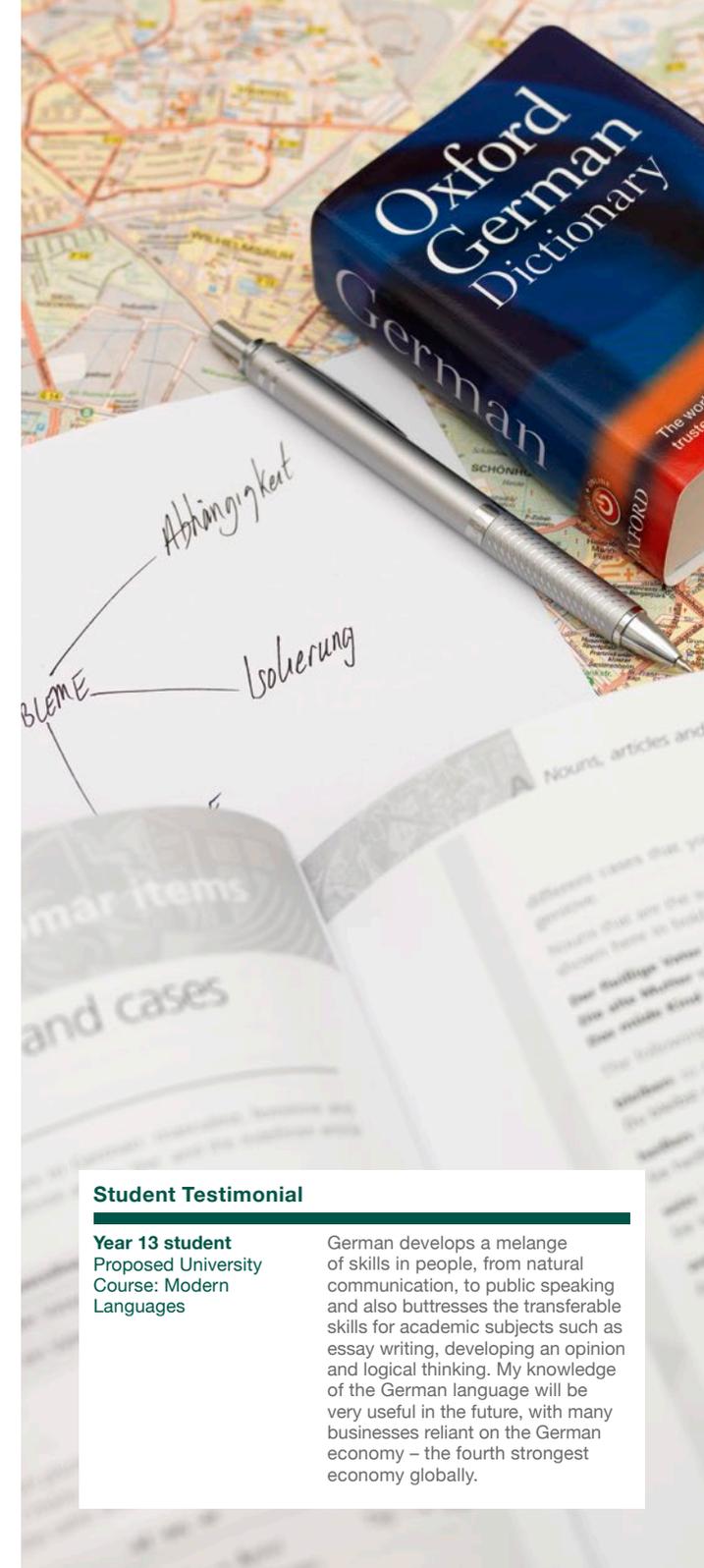
What do modern language graduates do?

Almost two-thirds of modern languages graduates enter employment within six months of graduation. Popular areas of work include translating, writing, advertising and marketing, personnel and HR, sales accounts and business development management, business sales and finance and investment analysis and advice.

Studying a language increases your employability in many ways. Studying language teaches you all the skills that employers look for: an analytical mind; good thought processes; amazing memory capacity; fantastic cultural and intercultural awareness; good communication; great team player...to name but a few.

Why is German an important modern foreign language?

German is the widest spoken native language in Europe. It is the language of both a modern economic powerhouse and of some of the world's most influential cultural and political figures. Its influence and importance is far-reaching!



Student Testimonial

Year 13 student
Proposed University
Course: Modern
Languages

German develops a melange of skills in people, from natural communication, to public speaking and also buttresses the transferable skills for academic subjects such as essay writing, developing an opinion and logical thinking. My knowledge of the German language will be very useful in the future, with many businesses reliant on the German economy – the fourth strongest economy globally.