



German GCSE

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 responding, 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 such as letters and descriptions about topics as varied as marriage, social media, homelessness and careers. 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	25%	50 marks/ short answers and questions	45 mins
Reading	25%	60 marks/ short answers and questions/ Translation Ger-Eng	60 mins
Speaking	25%	Role-Play/ Photocard/ Conversation	10-12 mins
Writing	25%	2 mini essays, Translation Eng-Ger	75 mins