

Step Up to German A Level

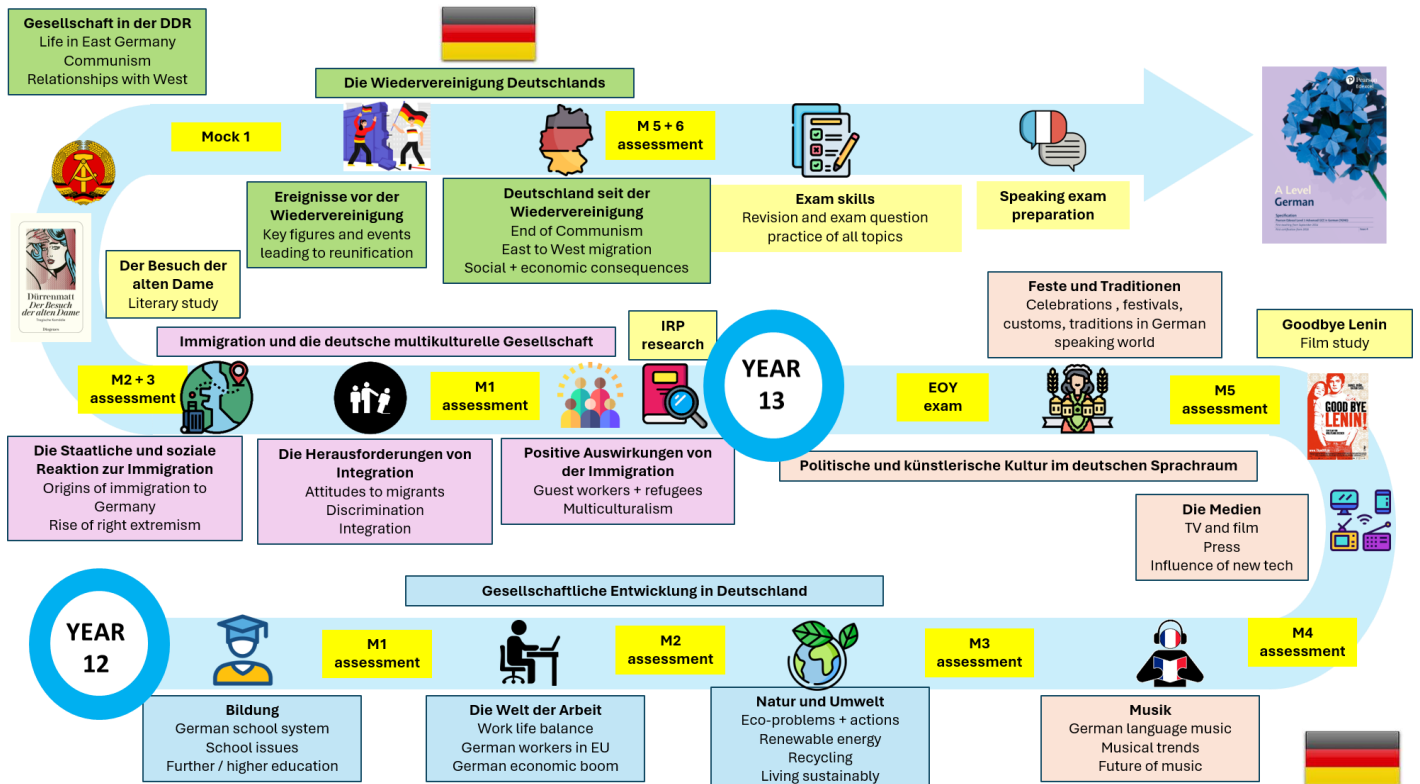
Why study German?

Congratulations on selecting German A Level. You have opened the door to opportunity! Studying German will enrich your life, giving you opportunities to travel abroad and to learn about different cultures and different ways of life. Studying a language will also enhance your life chances, as universities and employers tend to prefer candidates who can speak more than one language.

Did you know that linguists are better communicators and writers and have a better understanding of their own language too? Students who study languages do better in tests and learning a language will improve the functionality of your brain and improve your memory skills too.

German is spoken widely across Europe and is a language that is highly valued in a range of businesses and industries.

Studying German A Level will enable you to learn the German language and you will also gain an in-depth insight into the cultural, social, political and artistic aspects of the German speaking countries you will study.



Transition Activities:

How to learn German?

When learning a language, the saying that “practice makes perfect” is very appropriate. You develop a higher level of comprehension (listening and reading) if you expose yourself to the language every day. The simplest of actions can help you develop vocabulary eg putting on German subtitles on your favourite programme, changing the language settings on your phone to German.

This set of activities focuses on the kind of things you can do regularly to develop these habits and to develop a greater level of German.

Task 1 – language skills

Try to practise daily on Duolingo (do a test first so you skip the basics).

duolingo



Task 2 – grammar skills

Work through the BBC Bitesize German grammar activities.

Make notes of each grammar point and try the practice exercises.

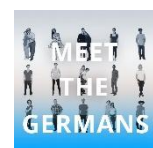
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Task 3 – cultural awareness and current issues

Pick a video from Meet the Germans on Youtube each week.

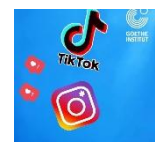
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Meet the Germans is a Youtube channel with lots of videos introducing German culture and current issues broadcast in a mixture of English and German.

Make a note of any new vocabulary or interesting information.

Check out the Goethe Institut's Instagram and TikTok for extra information about culture and to pick up even more language.



Task 4 – watch a German language film or series and write a review

Suggested on Netflix: All Quiet on the Western Front

Suggested on Channel 4: Deutschland 83 / Deutschland 93

If you find anything else in German that is appropriate, then feel free to watch it and review.

To write your review, use the following points:

1. Einleitung : die Hauptfiguren (the main characters)
der Schauplatz (the setting)
2. Die Figuren: what are the characters like, find some adjectives to describe each one
3. Mein Lieblingsfigur: who is your favourite character and why?
4. Die Themen: (what themes are raised)
5. Kulturelle Verbindungen: gibt es Verbindungen zwischen dem Film und der Kultur? (links with culture)
6. Schluss : wie hast du den Film gefunden? / würdest du den Film empfehlen?