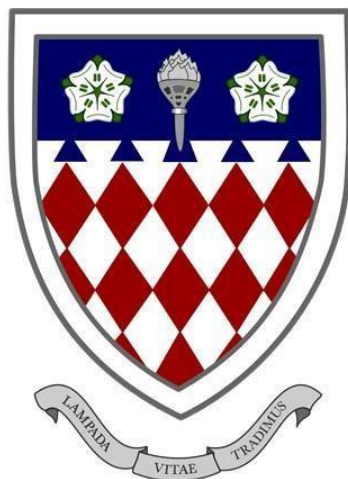


Spalding High School Sixth Form

A Level German



Why Choose A Level German?

If you enjoy studying German at GCSE and you are on target to achieve a grade 6 or above, then look no further. World-wide, approximately 130 million people speak German as their mother language, or as a second language. German is the most widely spoken mother language in the EU and is an official language in 7 countries. In addition, German is considered to be an important foreign language because of its links to the world of business and finance.

Choosing A Level German is a really smart move if you want a fascinating subject that offers you a range of career possibilities at the end and is a lot of fun along the way. An A Level in German is interesting, well regarded and gives you a broad range of knowledge and transferable skills.

An obvious reason to learn German is to be able to communicate with the people who speak it. This includes both the people you meet when travelling as well as people in your own community.

Speaking German helps you to get to know another people and culture, as language and culture go hand in hand. Language simultaneously defines and is defined by the world around us, learning another language opens one's mind to new ideas and new ways of looking at the world.

In addition, when you speak German, you can enjoy literature, film, and music in the original language. It is extremely difficult for a translation to be a perfect replica of the original; the best way to understand what the author really meant is to read what the author actually wrote.

Students studying German currently have shared delivery between the High School and the Grammar School. This is likely to continue in 2024.

What career paths might I follow with A Level German?

Speaking more than one language is a skill which will increase your marketability.

Universities and employers tend to prefer candidates who speak one or more foreign languages. When dealing with Germany, Austria or Switzerland for example, someone who speaks German will have an obvious advantage over someone who does not.

A German A level will actually provide you with a fantastic platform from which to enter a range of challenging sectors such as Advertising, Marketing & PR, Banking, Finance & Accountancy, Charity, Not-for-profit & NGO, Culture, Music & Performing Arts, Energy & Utilities, Hospitality & Tourism, Law, Management Consulting & Business, Media, Public Sector & Defence, Recruitment & Human Resources, Retail & Sales, Sport & Recreation, Teaching & Education or even Transport & Logistics.

What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

This course is suitable for students who have a real passion for German and who are proactively searching for opportunities to develop their knowledge.

Studying German at A level gives students the opportunity to develop their understanding of not only the German language, but also the German-speaking world, through the study of German in cultural and literary texts.

Topics include: modern and traditional values, the digital world, youth culture. Art and architecture, multiculturalism and aspects of political life in the German-speaking world.

A Level students will study the grammatical system and structure of the language. The end of course exams will test their use of accurate grammar and structures appropriate to the tasks set, drawing from the lists in the specification. Students study two books or one book and one film from the lists in the specification. Individual research topic: students conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where the language.

Paper 1 Listening, Reading and Writing

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Paper 2 Writing

Two books from the list of set texts in the specification or one book from the list of set texts and one film from the list in the specification. Written exam: 2 hours.

Paper 3 Speaking (individual research project)

Speaking test: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes' preparation time at the start of the test). Discussion of a sub-theme (5–6 minutes, 25 marks) with the discussion based on a stimulus card. The student has a choice of two cards and studies the chosen card for 5 minutes before the test begins. Presentation (2 minutes, 10 marks) followed by discussion of individual research project (9–10 minutes, 25 marks).

What do our students say about A Level German?

“Learning German at this level takes you deeper into the language and so opens up more opportunities to speak to more people, discover new places and study courses at university in German that you might otherwise have not thought about.”

“The topics you learn about at A level are more interesting than at GCSE”

Specification

Exam Board— AQA

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 or above in German

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