Edexcel A Level German course

The Topics

We will study the following topics for A Level German:

Year 12

- German Society (The Environment / Education / World of Work)
- Political and Artistic Culture in German-speaking Countries (Music / Media / Festivals and Traditions)

Year 13

- Immigration and Multiculturalism in Germany (Benefits / Challenges / Society's reaction to immigration)
- The Reunification of Germany (GDR before Reunification / The Fall of the Berlin Wall / Reunited Germany)

We will also study one book and one film over the two years.

The Lessons

Compared to the GCSE course there will be more focus during lessons on grammar (particularly in the first few weeks) and on improving your writing and speaking skills.

You will have 5 lessons a week (usually 2 doubles and 1 single), as well as a paired or individual lesson with our Foreign Language Assistant.

Independent Study

Outside lessons, as well as completing set pieces of homework, we expect you to:

- Learn vocabulary regularly

- Read through your class notes after every lesson and consolidate vocabulary. **PLEASE** ask about anything you don't understand.

- Keep your folder in good order including updating your PLCs

- Attend sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant

- Immerse yourself in German culture by watching German films, series and video clips, listening to German music, and keeping up to date with the news in Germany (go to www.dw.de – there are versions of the site in German and English, as well as some good materials for learning German. If you have Netflix or Amazon Prime you can search by language – these can actually be a really powerful way to improve your listening and speaking skills!

- Practise grammar exercises on www.languagesonline.org.uk

The Exams

The course will be assessed in May/June of year 13 as follows:

Paper 1   Listening, Reading and Translation (into English)   **40%**

Paper 2   Written Response to Works (book and film) and Translation (into German)   **30%**

Paper 3   Speaking (including an Individual Research Project)

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