

Independent  
preparation

for Lower 6<sup>th</sup>



A Level German



# **Welcome to Year 12 German!**

Type of course: 2-year linear (final exams in Yr 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

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

## **Content of exams:**

- **Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation** (G to E and E to G)
  - based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
  - 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
- **Paper 2 - Essay paper** – written in German
  - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
  - 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
  - Film to be studied (start Autumn Yr 12) 'Das Leben der Anderen'
  - Book to be studied (start at end of Yr 12) 'Der Besuch der Alten Dame' Dürrenmatt
- **Paper 3 – Speaking**
  - Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Yrs 12 and 13
  - Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
  - Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

## **Year 12 topic content:**

- Familie im Wandel
- Die Digitale Welt
- Jugendkultur
- Feste und Traditionen
- Kunst und Architektur
- Das Berliner Kulturleben

## **Year 13 topic content:**

- Einwanderung
- Integration
- Rassismus
- Deutschland und die Europäische Union
- Die Politik und die Jugend
- Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folgen

## **You will need:**

- A4 lever arch file (big and tall)
- A4 loose leaf paper
- Set of at least 10 dividers
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## **We will give you:**

**Textbook:** Kerboodle AQA German A level Year 1 and 2 by Morag McCrorie, Dagmar Sauer, et al. | 27 Apr 2017

## **Suggested additional books for revision:**

- AQA A-level German Revision and Practice Workbook: Themes 1 and 2
- AQA A Level German Grammar And Translation Workbook GV NEW German Sauer Dagmar O

## **What can you be doing to keep your German going between now and September?**

### **Suggestions in preparation for September:**

#### **1. GCSE into Year 12 Transition Pack (electronically provided by RGS)**

#### **2. Grammar**

Work through the grammar booklet provided, so that you are confident applying the grammar covered at GCSE, particularly:

- Present tense regular and irregular
- Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
- Future tense
- Word order, in particular:
  - Verb second and inversion
  - Time Manner Place
  - How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc
- Cases, prepositions, and adjectival endings

#### **3. Listening**

- Listen to the news on <https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030>

It is spoken slowly and there is a transcript available to read whilst listening.

- <http://gut.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12.html> - free to use weekdays after 4 pm
- <https://www.bundestkanzlerin.de/bkin-de> - a selection of weekly videos and podcasts

#### **4. Watch some news**

- <https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo> Logo Kindernachrichten
- <https://kinder.wdr.de/tv/neuneinhalb/index.html> Neuneinhalb Kindernachrichten
- <https://kinder.wdr.de/radio/kiraka/nachrichten/klicker/index.html> WDR Kindernachrichten

#### **5. Film**

We will be studying the film 'Das Leben der Anderen'.

You could watch the film in German with English subtitles and make a study about the filmmaker Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck.

## 6. East and West

Research some key events in East and West Germany in 1989 and 1990 and make a mind map or flow chart of the following key points:

- Living in East Germany
- The Monday demonstrations (Montagsdemonstrationen)
- Stasi
- Refugees in Prague embassy (Flüchtlinge in der Prager Botschaft)
- Pan-European piknik

The following links may be useful:

[https://www.planet-wissen.de/geschichte/ddr/geteilte\\_stadt\\_berlin/index.html](https://www.planet-wissen.de/geschichte/ddr/geteilte_stadt_berlin/index.html)

[https://www.planet-wissen.de/geschichte/ddr/das\\_leben\\_in\\_der\\_ddr/pwiealltaginderddr100.html](https://www.planet-wissen.de/geschichte/ddr/das_leben_in_der_ddr/pwiealltaginderddr100.html)

Deutsche Welle – Die innerdeutsche Grenze -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilbAUFvh04k>

## 7. Reading

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj/alv.html> - the first six topics listed match those we will be studying in the first year.

## 8. Vocabulary

**Contact Mrs Stoker if you would like to be added to her Memrise/Quizlet group to start learning the vocab for next year: stokerd@ripongrammar.com**

## 9. Find your preferred online dictionary

- <https://www.linguee.com/english-german>
- [www.reverso.net](http://www.reverso.net)
- [www.WordRef.com](http://www.WordRef.com) - online dictionaries in a number of languages
- [www.verbix.com](http://www.verbix.com) - online verb conjugator
- [www.collinsdictionaries.com](http://www.collinsdictionaries.com)
- [www.pons.com](http://www.pons.com)
- [www.lexicool.com](http://www.lexicool.com)
- <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>

## 10. TV and Films to watch

Site	Title	TV/Film	Summary
Netflix	Skylines	TV	Crime drama series about hip-hop producer
	Holiday Secrets	TV	Family secrets come out at Christmas
	We Are The Wave	TV	Teens revolt against nationalism
	Criminal: Germany	TV	Set within the interview room of a police station
	Charité	TV	Medical/historical drama
	Charité at War	TV	Set in hospital during WW2
	Dark	TV	Mystery drama – German ‘Stranger Things’
	Nailed It! Germany	TV	Amateur baking show
	Look Who’s Back	Film	Satire about Hitler
	The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch	Film	Comedy about an Orthodox Jewish man falling in love with a non-Jewish woman
	Rock My Heart	Film	Animal film
	My Fuehrer	Film	Comedy about Hitler preparing for a speech
	We are young. We are strong.	Film	Based on the Xenophobic riots in North Germany in the 1990s
Amazon Prime	Trick or Treaters	Film	Animation
	Welcome to Germany	Film	A German family takes in a refugee
	Balloon	Film	Germans attempt to flee the East by using a hot air balloon.
	Behind the Wall	Docu	Documentary about East/West Berlin and the fall of the wall.
All4/Walter Presents	Das Leben der Anderen (Lives of Others)	Film	Film about the work of the Stasi in East German and how they spied on the population
	Deutschland 83 Deutschland 86 Deutschland 89	TV	Drama about young East German sent as a spy to the West.
YouTube	Sophie Scholl	Film	Film about the anti-Nazi resistance fighter, Sophie Scholl
	Das Wunder von Bern	Film	Film about a young boy who adores football and the first World Cup after WW2

## 11. Music, Books and Podcasts

- Discover German music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/goethe-institut>
- Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete ‘advanced’ (or even ‘expert’?!) <https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
- With a free Suffolk Libraries card you can access thousands of international newspapers and publications in many languages through the PressReader app for free. Instructions on how to set this up <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/elibrary/press-reader/>
- Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

## **12. Social Media**

- Start a collection of German language memes
- Find out who the current social media influencers are in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- Follow a range of German social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests
- **Other ideas**
  - Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into German
  - Find a German recipe and try it out. Send us photos of your creations!
  - Research a topic of your interest related to Germany or a German-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
  - Vlog your summer in German, create memes, write a song, a poem, or a story – get creative!

**We hope you enjoy discovering more about Germany and German speaking countries and cannot wait to welcome you onto the course in September!**