



# Ripon Grammar School

Dear Student,

We look forward to welcoming you in September. To help with the transition from Year 11 into Sixth Form and ensure that you are well prepared for the A level German course, we have set some preparation tasks.

Please email Mrs Stoker, the A level German course leader, at [stokerd@ripongrammar.com](mailto:stokerd@ripongrammar.com) to introduce yourself. Let us know which school you have studied at and for how long you have been learning German, why you are interested in studying German at A level, and which aspects of the course you are most looking forward to — whether it's the language, grammar, culture, literature, or film.

## **Literature and Film**

In recent years, we have studied the film *Das Leben der Anderen*, directed by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck in Year 12 and the play *Der Besuch der alten Dame* by Friedrich Dürrenmatt in Year 13. These offer fascinating insights into justice, morality, surveillance, and German history. However, other works are also available depending on the interests of the group.

As part of your preparation, you might want to familiarise yourself a little with an overview of German history, particularly post-World War II leading to the separation into two Germanies and then later to the reunification.

## **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

A good level of understanding of the grammar points and vocabulary at GCSE will give you a strong foundation. To support your transition from GCSE to A level, we can send you transition material with vocabulary and grammar task covering key topics. These can be sent to you on request via email. This includes:

- Essential GCSE vocabulary recap (family, school, technology, etc.)
- Introduction to A level structures (subordinating conjunctions, the passive voice, and cases)

## **Enrichment Reading**

We also recommend reading around the topics you'll be studying. Articles on German current affairs, culture, and youth topics (from websites like [www.newsinslowgerman.com](http://www.newsinslowgerman.com) or BBC Bitesize German (GCSE) as a refresher will be useful. You may wish to start a scrapbook or digital folder of interesting words or articles to bring with you in September. There is a list of

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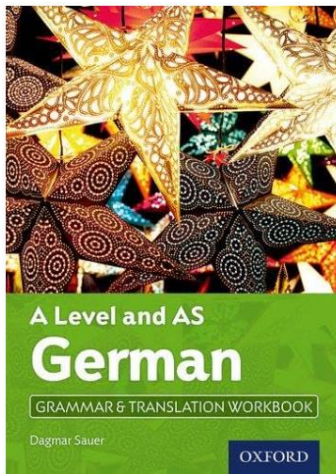


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some useful ideas and links provided in the [RGS Transition into Lower 6th document](#) to help you get started.

### **Textbooks and reading materials**

We will provide you with all the textbooks and reading materials you require, and we would like you to purchase the OUP Oxford Grammar book for German, that we will use in Year 12.



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Please note: If you're taking the AQA exam, please search for AQA AS and A Level German Grammar and Translation Workbook.

We are excited to support you in the next stage of your language journey and can't wait to get started in September! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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