



# German Year 11 GCSE

## Curriculum Intent

The German department seeks to develop ambitious and resilient linguists who strive to gain inter-cultural understanding in the countries where German is spoken. We aim to enable students to communicate effectively in a range of topics and contexts whilst being enthusiastic about the culture and customs of the German-speaking world. We intend to build our students up to be inquisitive and curious about culture, knowledgeable and understanding as they step out to explore, and reflective as they see how they grow and develop through Foreign Language learning.

## Autumn Term

### Students will learn to:

- ✓ understand people talking about shopping habits, including online shopping
- ✓ understand people talking about childhood
- ✓ describe an ideal place to live
- ✓ describe a house and activities that take place in it
- ✓ talk about German-speaking travel destinations
- ✓ describe different holiday destinations
- ✓ make reservations for holiday accommodation
- ✓ talk about problems with holiday accommodation
- ✓ describe a holiday in the past
- ✓ describe a future holiday
- ✓ talk about ideal holidays
- ✓ talk about activism in German-speaking countries
- ✓ studying German beyond GCSE, either at A-Level or as part of the International Baccalaureate
- ✓ a famous German band, *Die Fantastischen Vier*
- ✓ the sixth GCSE theme covered: travel and tourism

### Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ using question words as relative pronouns
- ✓ using dual-case prepositions
- ✓ using the simple past of key weak and strong verbs
- ✓ using the conditional including *sein* and *haben*
- ✓ using the *Sie* form of the imperative
- ✓ forming questions through subject-verb inversion
- ✓ using the question words *wer*, *wen* and *wem*
- ✓ using possessives, including the accusative case
- ✓ talking in the past using the perfect and simple past
- ✓ using prepositions that take the genitive
- ✓ using the future tense with *werden*
- ✓ approaching GCSE listening questions
- ✓ approaching GCSE speaking tasks and conversations
- ✓ approaching GCSE reading questions and translation tasks into English
- ✓ approaching GCSE writing and translation tasks into German

## Spring Term

### Students will learn to:

- ✓ discuss issues facing young people today
- ✓ talk about the biggest problems facing the environment and how to protect it
- ✓ discuss personal responsibilities and actions
- ✓ talk about helping the environment
- ✓ discuss international responsibilities and actions
- ✓ understand points of view on the meat industry
- ✓ talk about military and civilian service
- ✓ talk about plans for after exams, e.g. gap years
- ✓ discuss jobs they would like to do in the future
- ✓ talk about start-up businesses
- ✓ talk about job-related strengths and skills
- ✓ the fifth GCSE theme covered: studying and my future

### Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ recognising and forming adjectival nouns
- ✓ using the *um ... zu ...* infinitive construction, among others
- ✓ recognising compound nouns
- ✓ using adverbs of frequency
- ✓ using modal verbs
- ✓ using the conditional *sollte* to say what you 'should' do
- ✓ using opinion phrases
- ✓ using *weil* and other subordinating conjunctions with the correct word order
- ✓ using reflexive verbs
- ✓ using the conditional including *sein* and *haben*
- ✓ using *werden* in different contexts
- ✓ using *seit* with the present tense



*"Du hast erst verloren, wenn du aufhörst, es zu versuchen."*

#### How is homework used to enhance learning?

- use Languages Online to consolidate grammar and vocabulary
- practise pronunciation and intonation through speaking tasks uploaded to Showbie
- learn vocabulary by heart for regular tests
- practise answers to revision questions based on Themes 1, 2 and 4 of the GCSE syllabus
- prepare and practise answers to revision questions based on Themes 3, 5 and 6 of the GCSE syllabus
- revise all GCSE topics using the revision section of the *Stimmt!* textbook

### Summer Term

#### Students will learn about:

- ✓ conversing (in pairs or groups) to practise for the final GCSE Paper 1 speaking examination
- ✓ listening for key details on the GCSE themes at both Higher and Foundation levels
- ✓ tackling writing and translation tasks on the GCSE themes and both Higher and Foundation levels
- ✓ reading for key details on the GCSE themes at both Higher and Foundation levels

#### Knowledge, understanding and skills:

- ✓ approaching GCSE listening questions
- ✓ approaching GCSE speaking tasks and conversations
- ✓ approaching GCSE reading questions and translation tasks into English
- ✓ approaching GCSE writing and translation tasks into German
- ✓ vocabulary revision and preparation skills for GCSE examinations

#### What does excellence look like?

- accurate verb conjugation in a range of tenses
- giving a range of opinions with justifications
- using adjectives with qualifiers and connectives
- authentic, accurate pronunciation
- accurate V2 word order
- accurate word order after conjunctions
- accurate word order after modal verbs
- interacting spontaneously in spoken German
- solid understanding of all four cases

#### How will students be assessed?

- 10-point tests to revisit vocabulary and grammar, and practise translation
- uploading voice recordings to Showbie
- formative skills testing within class
- summative assessment in the first half-term, covering listening and translation skills
- internal PPE assessments to measure GCSE progress
- peer assessment and self-assessment
- extensive practice with past GCSE papers
- final GCSE examinations at the end of the course

### International Opportunities

#### Visits Programmes

Although there is no Year 11 visit to Germany, owing to the GCSE examinations taking place, the Autumn Term is dedicated to the *Studying and my future* module on work, which prepares students who choose to carry on with German for the work experience exchange they can participate in during their Sixth Form studies.

#### Within the curriculum

- ✓ Learning about international travel, including a lesson on travel destinations in German-speaking countries
- ✓ Learning about how environmental problems are tackled on a personal and international level in German-speaking countries
- ✓ Learning about the job market and young peoples approach to start-up businesses in German-speaking countries