



## A-level German

Herzlich Willkommen an der Bourne Grammar School!

We are delighted that you have chosen to study German A-Level. At Bourne Grammar School we strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and something students should enjoy and find rewarding. Our curriculum is devised to develop students' cultural knowledge whilst developing their language skills in German-speaking countries.

The AQA A-Level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society.

**Subject Leader:** Miss A Doerpinghaus

**Exam Board / Specification(s):** AQA 7662

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

### **Aim:**

The aim of the A-Level German course is for students to develop the ability to communicate effectively and become aware of cultural variations in countries where the German language is spoken. Students will also be encouraged to develop an understanding and knowledge of the language in a variety of contexts. In addition, their linguistic knowledge, understanding and skills will help students to take their place in a multilingual global society and provide a suitable basis for further study, so that informed decisions about career choices can be made later on.



## **Outline/Structure of Course:**

The course focuses on how German-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change.

The course covers four distinct themes:

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Literary text (Der Besuch der alten Dame) and film (Goodbye Lenin)

There are nine one-hour lessons per fortnight. During the course, students learn vocabulary and grammar needed to understand authentic material. Students will be expected to provide information and opinions about the themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people. All four skills (Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing) are assessed at the end of Year 13.

## **Assessment**

### **Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing**

Exam: 2 hours 30minutes

50% of A-Level

### **Paper 2: Writing**

One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification

Exam: 2 hours

20% of A-Level

### **Paper 3: Speaking**

Individual research project and stimulus card

Exam: 17 minutes including 5 minutes preparation time

30% of A-Level



## Optional task

### Goodbye Lenin

We will be studying Goodbye Lenin. Please watch the film in German with English subtitles.

### East and West Germany

Please make notes on the following:

- Germany's position at the end of the Second World War
- Explore the social and political developments in East and West Germany since 1945
- The reasons for building the Berlin Wall
- Economic miracle in West Germany in the 1950s
- Stasi in East Germany
- Explore the reasons for the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989
- Reunification 1989-1990

## Optional tasks

The best resource to prepare you for the transition from GCSE to A-Level German is *Bridging the Gap: GCSE to AS German* published by ZigZag education. The resource can be found here: [Open Drive/German/Transition](#) (Password: zz2ghc4). Due to copyright restrictions, we cannot publish the document on the website. Should you wish to study German A-Level but do not have access to the Open Drive please send an Email to [academic@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:academic@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) FAO Miss Doerpinghaus.



## Resources

## Specification

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## Grammar Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr>

<http://gut.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12/12803.html>

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html#Grammar>

<http://gut.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12/12803.html>

## Listening and Reading

<https://www.youtube.com/user/slowgermanpodcast/videos>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1LjZv4vFFBWfFPH8bHczGb>

<https://www.newsinslowgerman.com/>

<https://www.tagesschau.de/100sekunden/>

<https://www.bundestkanzlerin.de/bkin-de>

<https://www.dw.com/en/langsam-gesprochene-nachrichten-learning-german/a-2925601>