

GERMAN

Course Details

Every student is examined in each of the four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Students may be entered for either Foundation or Higher Tier but they must enter at the same tier for all four skills. There is **no** coursework element within this course - the writing component now takes the form of a final exam.

Students study three broad themes on which the assessments are based:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment.

The emphasis is on the practical, the useful and the interesting. Students are not judged on whether they get every single word correct but on whether they understand and communicate effectively. Students currently use a variety of resources, including the Nelson Thornes GCSE coursebook and the accompanying online resource, *Kerboodle*. We also supplement this by authentic material - leaflets and brochures from the country, TV programmes and recordings and selectively use material from other coursebooks and the Internet. Students are encouraged to use their ICT skills where relevant. To enrich the work in the classroom, there are visits to Germany; we have links with Wetter, near Marburg in central Germany.

Course Type/exam board:

GCSE // AQA

Course Availability

Compulsory? No

Option for all? No

An option available to some students on advice from staff? Yes

What subjects combine well with German?

GCSE German combines well with any other GCSE subjects.

During the course, students develop four skills:

Listening: Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language. Section A: questions and answers in English, Section B: questions and answers in German.

Speaking: Communicating and interacting effectively.

Students complete a speaking test which includes a role-play, a photo description and a conversation.

Reading: Understanding and responding to different types of written language. Section A: Questions and answers in English, Section B: questions and answers in German, Section C: translation into English.

Writing: Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes. Written exam includes a variety of tasks of increasing difficulty (depending on level of entry), including translation from English into German.

Student View

Qualifications in French and German are highly recognised and valuable.

I think taking a language opens lots of doors for the future.

How is German as-

Assessment	% of GCSE
Examination	75%
Speaking Assessment	25%