

GCSE German – from September 2016

What will I learn?

Content and Vocabulary	Grammar	When?
Me, my family and friends	The present tense of regular and irregular verbs, using adjectives, the future tense, the nominative and accusative cases	Autumn Year 10
Technology in everyday life	Direct and indirect object pronouns, the perfect tense, the imperfect tense, coordinating and subordinating conjunctions	Autumn Year 10
Free-time activities	Word order (the verb as the second idea), time manner place, separable verbs, expressing opinions, negatives, reflexive verbs	Spring Year 10
Customs and festivals	Talking about quantities and weights, forming questions, using adjectives as nouns, revision of the perfect tense	Spring Year 10
Home, town , neighbourhood and region	Using plurals of nouns, using prepositions to say where things are, using inversion to form questions, modal verbs	Summer Year 10
Social issues	Using quantifiers and intensifiers, using the dative case, modal verbs, talking about the past using <i>als</i>	Summer Year 10
Global issues	Subordinating conjunctions, the imperative, indefinite pronouns, reflexive pronouns	Autumn Year 11
Travel and tourism	Using weather expressions, imperfect tense of irregular verbs, comparative and superlative adverbs, two-way prepositions	Autumn Year 11

My studies, life at school and college	Revising modal verbs, revising adjective endings, prepositions with the dative, revising reflexive verbs, revising comparative and superlative adjectives	Spring Year 11
Education post-16, jobs, career choices and ambitions	Revising the future tense, using <i>welcher</i> , using <i>ich möchte</i> and <i>ich werde</i> , using a range of subordinating conjunctions	Spring Year 11

How will I be assessed?

Exam Board: AQA
Specification: 8668

Throughout Year 10, you will complete a range of shorter assessments in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. These will take place in lesson time to build your confidence and skills when answering each of the different question types.

At the end of Year 10, you will complete a full mock exam paper under exam conditions in all four skills.

There is no coursework element to German GCSE; all skills are tested in exams at the end of Year 11 in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing which are each worth 25% of your total grade. You will not have access to a dictionary in the exam. This means that you must revise all content and grammar regularly, not just the topic you are currently studying.

How will I be taught?

GCSE German is taught by highly experienced teachers who are enthusiastic about and committed to language learning. You will be supported and challenged in your studies through a variety of activities, including pair and group work where appropriate. In turn, you are expected to learn vocabulary regularly and develop an understanding of the grammar we cover in lessons by learning independently at home. It is impossible to 'cram' for languages exams, so we expect you to spend at least 5-10 minutes per day at home on your language skills. We also run Language Clinic every lunchtime in A121 where you can get extra help with any aspect of your German studies.