**Welcome to Year 12 German!**

Type of course: Two year linear (final exams in Year 13) course with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

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

**Content of exams:**

* **Paper 1** - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation (German to English and English to German
	+ based on all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
	+ 2hrs 30 mins, 100 marks, worth 50% of A-Level
* **Paper 2** - Essay paper – written in German
	+ 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film (approx. 300 words each)
	+ 2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level
	+ Film to be studied (start Autumn Year 12) ‘Sophie Scholl – die letzten Tage’
	+ Play to be studied (start at end of Year 12) ‘Der Besuch der alten Dame’, Friedrich Dürrenmatt
* **Paper 3** – Speaking
	+ Detailed discussion of one topic card from all topics studied in Years 12 and 13
	+ Presentation and discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP)
	+ Max 16-18 mins, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level

**Year 12 topic content:**

* Familie im Wandel
* Die Digitale Welt
* Jugendkultur
* Feste und Traditionen
* Kunst und Architektur
* Das Berliner Kulturleben

**Year 13 topic content:**

* Einwanderung
* Integration
* Rassismus
* Deutschland und die Europäische Union
* Die Politik und die Jugend
* Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folge



**You will need:**

* A4 lever arch file (big and tall)
* A4 loose leaf paper
* Set of at least 10 dividers
* Textbook this is loaned to you for the duration of the course by school. If

you prefer, you can purchase your own copy:

# AQA A-level German (included AS) by Helen Kent, Paul Stocker, Amy Bates, Louise Fenner

 ISBN 978 147 1858024

* Grammar workbook

Second hand not advisable as you’ll be writing in this. Make sure it’s the correct edition):

AQA German Grammar and Translation Workbook A Level and AS, Sauer, Oxford, 2017 ISBN 978 019 841554 1

**To do before term starts:**

**1 Grammar \*\*\*required learning\*\*\*:**

Revise and be confident with the following grammar points:

* Present tense regular and irregular
* Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
* Future tense
* Word order, in particular:
	+ Verb second and inversion
	+ Time Manner Place
	+ How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

* [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
* [BBC Bitesize German](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr)
* [www.german.net](http://www.german.net) (lots of grammar revision activities to choose from here)

**2 Online learning – topic vocab, useful phrases + expressions \*\*\*required learning\*\*\***

* [Memrise – Yr 12 German –](https://www.memrise.com/group/399065/) join the group and get learning vocab for the first topics now https://www.memrise.com/group/399065/
* [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) is also highly recommended
* Also try this Kahoot game:

[Das grosse Deutschland Quiz](https://kahoot.it/challenge/07593511?challenge-id=ed68efdc-8518-40e9-8d4e-64d99a3b21d3_1587290124623)

**Choose a selection of activities from each of the following categories**

**3 TV and Films to watch**

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| Site | Title | TV/Film | Summary |
| Netflix | Skylines | TV | Crime drama series about hip-hop producer |
| Holiday Secrets | TV | Family secrets come out at Christmas |
| We Are The Wave | TV | Teens revolt against nationalism |
| Criminal: Germany | TV | Set within the interview room of a police station |
| Charité | TV | Medical/historical drama |
| Charité at War | TV | Set in hospital during WW2 |
| Dark | TV | Mystery drama – German ‘Stranger Things’ |
| Nailed It! Germany | TV | Amateur baking show |
| Look Who’s Back | Film | Satire about Hitler |
| The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch | Film | Comedy about an Orthodox Jewish man falling in love with a non-Jewish woman |
| Rock My Heart | Film | Animal film |
| My Fuehrer | Film | Comedy about Hitler preparing for a speech |
| We are young. We are strong. | Film | Based on the Xenophobic riots in North Germany in the 1990s |
| Trick or Treaters | Film | Animation |
| Amazon Prime | Welcome to Germany | Film | A German family takes in a refugee |
| Balloon | Film | Germans attempt to flee the East by using a hot air balloon. |
| Behind the Wall | Docu | Documentary about East/West Berlin and the fall of the wall. |
| Das Leben der Anderen (Lives of Others) | Film  | Film about the work of the Stasi in East German and how they spied on the population |
| All4/Walter Presents | Deutschland 83Deutschland 86 | TV | Drama about young East German sent as a spy to the West.  |
| YouTube | Sophie Scholl  | Film | Film about the anti-Nazi resistance fighter, Sophie Scholl  |
| Das Wunder von Bern | Film  | Film about a young boy who adores football and the first World Cup after WW2 |

**4 Music, Books and Podcasts**

* Discover German music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/goethe-institut>
* Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete ‘advanced’ (or even ‘expert’?!) <https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
* Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

**5 News and current affairs**

* News in Slow German: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4CAPKEyQ9KHtm9XEkjWHp3>
* Scroll down to **‘7 Tage Rückblick’** and watch 1 episode of news every week, making a note of ANYTHING you understand (and ignoring what you don’t for now):

<https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html>

* Start following at least 3 different German language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from Germany, Switzerland and Austria
* Research: What are the political parties in Germany/Switzerland/Austria? Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

**6 Social Media**

* Start a collection of German language memes
* Follow a range of German language social media accounts: you could start by looking at **@bevgrammarmfl** and **@BeverleyHighMFL** pages on Twitter choosing the German language accounts from our following list.
* Find out who the current social media influencers are in Germany, Switzerland and Austria
* Follow a range of German social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests
* If you know your settings well (so you can change them back), change your devices into German for a while. You’ll find that you learn a lot of current useful vocabulary.

**7 Other ideas**

* Find a German recipe and try it out
* Research a topic of your interest related to German or a German-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
* Vlog your summer, create memes, write a song, poem or story – get creative!
* Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the German
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* capital cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3189>
* important cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3030>
* Research these opportunities for visiting Germany:
	+ <https://ukgermanconnection.org/yp/get-involved/german-pupil-courses/>
	+ <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/germany/>
* Find your preferred online dictionary
	+ [www.duden.de](http://www.duden.de) - monolingual German dictionary
	+ <http://dict.leo.com> - Extensive online German dictionary
	+ [www.WordRef.com](http://www.wordref.com) - online dictionaries in a number of languages
	+ [www.verbix.com](http://www.verbix.com) - online verb conjugator
	+ [www.collinsdictionaries.com](http://www.collinsdictionaries.com)
	+ [www.bab.la](http://www.bab.la)
	+ [www.pons.com](http://www..pons.com)
	+ [www.lexicool.com](http://www.lexcool.com)
	+ <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
* And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
	+ **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool [www.linguee.com](http://www.linguee.com)
	+ **Deepl** - even more advanced than Linguee - [www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)
* Find a range of German language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
* Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into German
* Ask Alexa to teach you some German. She has apps such as Say Hi, Lingo Trip, Rosetta Stone that are worth trying out.

If you have any questions, then please drop me a line:

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We’re looking forward to meeting you all soon!

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