



MFL - German

Head of German

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Outline of Subject

Languages open up a world of opportunity and help you to understand your own language better. Students study French, German or Spanish as their first foreign language within tutor groups in Year 7 before being loosely set in Year 8. In Year 9, some students in the higher sets will have the opportunity to begin a second foreign language to study alongside their first, prior to choosing to take one or both through to GCSE level. Language lessons focus on four skill areas; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students become familiar with the sounds, written form and some grammatical rules.

Learning Content Topic Title

Year	Term 1		Term 2	Term 3
7	Greetings, personal identification, alphabet, numbers, classroom language	School subjects and opinions, Christmas in German speaking countries	Family, pets, physical description Sports, hobbies and future tense Easter in German speaking countries	House and home Directions and transport
8	Holidays and weather The past tense	Shopping and healthy eating	Healthy living TV programmes and other after school activities	Clothes and going out Story telling and creative writing
9	Music and media	Jobs and future plans	The value of languages in the workplace Environmental issues	German speaking world, fair trade, preparing for a visit to Germany Story telling and creative writing

Skill Development

Integral to successful language learning is an understanding of and an ability to apply grammar. In the lower school, students gradually acquire different tenses and structures to enable them to speak and write increasingly independently. We also focus on pronunciation and intonation along with developing listening and reading skills. Translation to and from German will be practised in light of the demands of the current GCSE specification. The cultures of German speaking countries are also explored.

Assessment Styles

Teachers assess student progress as part of the normal teaching process. Additionally, there will be more formal testing at the end of some units of work. We encourage students to address their weaknesses through the setting of targets.

Home learning tasks include learning vocabulary and grammar, written and reading activities and using the internet to research information / consolidate and enhance learning through the use of recommended websites.

Additional Information

Access to a dictionary is useful. Additional practice on the websites we subscribe to is always beneficial. There is an opportunity to go on an exchange trip to the Stuttgart area in Year 9.