

Pre-U German at Abingdon School

Why study German in the sixth form?

- You will follow an interesting course with opportunities for independent research, as well as the chance to discover literature and film in the original German.
- There are small classes and dedicated teachers, with lots of opportunities for feedback and support.
- You will have a weekly one-to-one session with our native-speaker German assistant.
- Topics are varied and interesting, encompassing elements of history, politics and culture.
- Results tend to be very good- all bar one D3 (A/A* equivalent) in the last 3 years.
- Pre-U German will open the door to travel and work abroad, as well as helping you to develop a wide range of other transferable skills which are highly sought after by employers.
- You will develop cultural awareness which is an essential soft skill in today's globalised world
- You can combine a language with almost any subject, both in the sixth form and at university.
- You will stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs in the future, as the ability to speak another language, along with the increased cultural awareness it entails, is increasingly scarce but much in demand from employers.

The Pre-U Course

The Pre-U exam is highly regarded by universities as it prepares you well for undergraduate study with research skills and topic foci, as well as giving you the freedom to pursue topics which interest you most.

Topics we cover include: War and peace, scientific and technological innovation, human relationships, the media, law and order, religion and belief; health and fitness, work and leisure, travel and tourism; and education.

You will also study a TV series (Deutschland '83) and film (Barbara) in the original German, in addition to Brecht's classic play "The Caucasian Chalk Circle".

Exam structure

Paper 1: speaking (8 minutes about a newspaper article, 8 minutes about a topic of your choice, related to the German-speaking world)

Paper 2: Reading & listening (answers/ questions in English and in German)

Paper 3: Writing & usage (discursive essay in German, grammar test)

Paper 4: Topics & texts (essay in German on Barbara and Deutschland '83, essay in English on Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle").

The ideal candidate

- has a real interest in the German language
- is committed, hardworking and a reflective learner
- is interested in current affairs, film, literature and the world around them
- has a solid 8 or above at iGCSE German
- is thinking of a career involving culture, the arts, literature, academia, translation, teaching, stem subjects, politics, history, English, languages, new media- Pre-U German is an excellent choice for whatever career you choose!