

A-Level 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, encompassing elements of history, politics, society and culture.
- Results are excellent- 100% A*/A since 2018.
- A-Level 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.
- German is a popular choice at after sixth form, with pupils going on to a range of top universities.
- Personalised support for Oxbridge applicants, with good success rates.
- 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 AQA A-Level Course

Topics we cover include:

- o **Aspects of society**- the changing state of the family, the digital world, youth culture
- o **Multiculturalism**- immigration, integration, racism
- o **Artistic culture**- festivals & traditions, art & architecture, cultural life in Berlin
- o **Political life**- Germany & the EU, politics & youth, German reunification

You will also study the film "Das Leben der Anderen", in addition to a Dürrenmatt's classic play "Der Besuch der alten Dame".

Exam structure

Paper 1: Listening, reading & writing (2hrs 30mins, 100 marks, 50% of A-Level)

Paper 2: Writing on film & text (2 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level)

Paper 3: Speaking (21-23 minutes including 5 min preparation time, 60 marks, 30% of A-Level)

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- A-Level German is an excellent choice for whatever career you choose!