

German

Pathway 1

Course description:

The learning of a foreign language gives you a perspective on a wider world. It fosters the knowledge and understanding of other cultures and the desire to travel and interact with them. Understanding and speaking a foreign language gives an increased self esteem as well as the pleasure in actually being able to do so, and of course it offers unlimited opportunities for work and travel. Students who have studied languages Post 16 will have an advantage for life, both career-wise and recreationally. Do it at AS or A2 to show an employer you have breadth of ability.

Qualifications required:

- In line with the entry requirements for a Pathway 1 subject.
- You must have at least a grade 7 in German.
- You need to have a strong interest in current affairs and world issues, and hold your own opinions on them, as this makes up much of the content of the course, and it is through this that you demonstrate the language skills themselves.

Aims of the course:

- Learn about the culture, politics and history of Germany.
- Study diverse topics including the media, the environment, tourism and human interest news items.
- Develop your linguistic skills.
- Learn about grammar and how a language really works.

Future prospects:

- Any degree course – not just a language one.
- A very wide range of careers, including finance, marketing, sales and travel & tourism, as well as the more traditional translating, interpreting and teaching.
- You would be surprised how many jobs actually require languages today.

Student feedback:

“Learning a language teaches you about other countries and cultures. You can communicate with other nationalities and show an understanding of the importance of co-operation.”

“It is very interesting and looks good on job applications.”

Subject Teachers:

Mrs Heaney-Cox and Ms Welch

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Features of the course:

- Explore and develop understanding of the contemporary society and culture
- Listen and respond to variety of authentic spoken sources
- Manipulate the foreign language accurately in speaking and writing
- Understand and apply the grammatical system and a range of structures
- Demonstrate a capacity for critical thinking.
- Undertake an independent research project designed to prepare you for university study.

Year 13 Exam

PAPER 1: Listening, reading and translation

2hr, 80 marks, 40% of A level

Listening to and responding to a variety of passages. Reading and responding to a variety of passages.

Translation from German to English

PAPER 2: Written response to works and translation

2hr 40 min, 120 marks, 30% of A level

Translation from English to German.

Two essays, one on each of the books or films you have studied.

PAPER 3: Speaking

22-23 minutes, 72 marks, 30% of AS

Discussing a stimulus card presented to you in the exam.

Present your findings from an independent research paper.

Methods of Assessment:

Terminal exam at end of Year 13.