



Gordon's
Sixth Form

German

A Level and AS Level

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Why study German?

By choosing German you are demonstrating commitment to an academic subject. This will differentiate you in the market place and open doors in the future here and abroad! Employment outcomes for German graduates are significantly better than the graduate average overall.

Did you know?

- 94% of the world does not speak English as their first language and 75% of the world does not speak English at all!
- 1 in 5 Europeans speak German as their mother tongue - that's over 100 million people!
- Germany is the UK's largest non-English speaking trading partner with combined sales of £2 trillion - Germany is the world's 5th largest economy - (UK 8th, France 9th, Spain 14th)
- Germany is the biggest European economy and bedrock of the EU - no Germany, no Euro!

What you can gain from studying German

- Good communication and listening skills
- Good thinking and analysis skills
- Improved confidence and maturity
- More marketable skills for employment
- The opportunity to live and work abroad
- An openness and awareness of other cultures
- The opportunity to mix things up – you can study a little or a lot at university

The Lower Sixth (Year 12) AS Level

The Course - AQA German (7661)

Specification web address (AS & A2):
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german/7661>

This course is designed to offer you an accessible, interesting and challenging Year 12. Topics and skills developed at GCSE will be broadened and matured. The topics will provide you with the language and skills to talk and write about issues relevant to you.



The topics we cover are:

- Social issues and trends (family life, the digital world, youth culture)
- Artistic German-speaking culture (festivals, traditions, art and cultural life)
- Grammar
- Film or Text (Lola Rennt - Tom Tykwer)

The Exam

There will be 3 papers for the AS exam. These are:

- **Paper 1** Listening, reading & writing (40%)
- **Paper 2** Writing exam on a film (30%)
- **Paper 3** An oral exam (30%)

Paper 1 lasts 1 hour 45 minutes. In the listening section you control the CD. The reading section has comprehension questions like GCSE and in the writing section you translate from German to English.

Paper 2 lasts 1 hour 30 minutes with translation from English into German and then an essay from a choice of two questions on the film (or text) studied.

Paper 3 lasts 12 to 14 minutes and is based on a discussion of two sub-themes from aspects of German society and aspects of German culture. The discussion will start with a stimulus card that you will have 15 minutes to prepare.

The Upper Sixth (Year 13) - A Level

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The second year of the A Level course has been specifically designed to complement the first. You will build on the skills you have developed over



the previous year and use your knowledge and growing linguistic expertise to explore a wider and deeper syllabus and more complex grammar.

The topics studied are the same as AS with some expansion of topic areas to enable AS and A2 students to study alongside each other in Year 12:

- Social issues and trends (as AS but including multi-culturism)
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Film and text (Andorra—Max Frisch)
- Individual research project (for oral)

The Exam

There will be 3 papers for the A2 Exam. These are:

- **Paper 1** Listening, Reading and Writing (40%)
- **Paper 2** Writing Exam (30%)
- **Paper 3** An oral exam (30% of exam)

In **Paper 1** which lasts 2 hours 30 minutes, there is a listening section and a reading section as AS. In the writing section there are two 100 word translations, one from English to German and one from German into English.

In **Paper 2** which lasts 2 hours you will write two 300 word essays from a choice of two questions on the film and the book.

In **Paper 3** which lasts 21-23 minutes, you will discuss a stimulus card on one of the first two topics above. You will need to defend and justify your opinions. A further presentation and discussion of your individual research project will follow. This is a topic you have chosen that interests ***you***. You do your own research and we then talk about it!

What else you can expect

- Small class sizes - more attention from the teacher.
- A variety of teaching methods - seminars, role play, independent study, research.
- Access to our online learning space.
- Chance to take part in the KS4/KS5 school exchange and do work experience abroad.
- Helping in KS3 classes and on school trips
- Film festivals in London.
- Debating competitions in German!
- Extra conversation classes with the language assistant.

Requirements

You will need at least a 6 at GCSE to study a language at Gordon's.

German at Gordon's

The German Department is assisted by a dedicated foreign language assistant. She is a German national who lives locally and provides an opportunity for students to speak each week with a native speaker.

We encourage all students to take part in the KS4/KS5 exchange to our partner school near Stuttgart and offer a work placement in Germany or Austria. It offers an invaluable opportunity to experience life abroad and thus improve greatly their oral and listening skills.

Beyond A Level, the ratio of applicants to courses to study languages are among the best in the country & unemployment rates for language graduates are the lowest after medicine, dentistry & education. 30% of language graduates work in business services, 12% in manufacturing, 11% in finance. Wouldn't you like to work for a blue chip multi-national, the UN or EU?

Careers

Journalism, Tourism, Medicine, Engineering, Law, Music, Environmental work, Business management, Politics, Sport, Acting, Construction, Catering, Hospitality (the list is endless).



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