



# GERMAN

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SIXTH FORM TASTER SESSION

WITH **FRAU GILES**

# Why we love this subject

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- German is phonetic and is relatively easy for English speakers to pronounce.
- German is logical; Once you have understood the basics and you've got the grammar and the layout of the language, it is not too tricky for English speakers to learn.
- Learning how to interact with speakers of another language means you are less likely to be stuck in one mode of thinking; it makes you more adaptable, creative, and insightful.
- Speaking German changes the way you think.



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The German-speaking world is wunderschön!

German is the most commonly spoken language in Europe with over 100 million native speakers, it is the second most commonly used scientific language in academia.

Germany itself is an economic powerhouse and is the 2nd largest exporter of goods in the world.

Germany's economy is the largest in the EU and is larger than the economies of all the Spanish-speaking countries combined.





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We love the **sound** and the **structure** of German and the fact that it is a logical, clearly structured language.

The language is **quirky** and also strangely poetic with words that cannot be translated in other languages and **compound nouns**, where words are joined together to make new words.

Learning a language is a very **sociable** thing to do as well as giving you a real sense of achievement.

Being able to communicate in another language gives you access to **double the culture**; music, film, art, sport, TV



# Building on GCSE

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- This course builds upon some knowledge and skills that you already have...
- ✓ You can already express and justify opinions on a range of topics.
- ✓ You can already speak at some length and respond spontaneously at times.
- ✓ You can already write extended pieces with a range of vocabulary and structures.
- ✓ You can already speak, write and translate with some degree of accuracy.
- ✓ You can already understand and respond to spoken and written German.

# What's new at A-level?

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- Opportunities to grow more **confident, more independent, more reflective** in your language learning.
- Increased access to more **authentic** sources of spoken and written German.
- Increased opportunity to engage with German-speaking **culture**
- There will be a **greater emphasis on grammar** and the ability to **manipulate language** independently.
- Opinions and topics will be more **in-depth** and evidence-based.
- Spontaneity and authenticity will be more prominent features of speaking activities.
- Writing will take **more varied** forms (e.g. summaries, essay writing) and will be more analytical and critical in focus, using a range of lexis and structure.
- The **chance to research** an aspect of German-speaking society and culture that interests you.



# The A2 Exam (Year 13)

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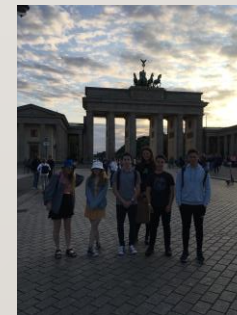
- Unit 1 Reading, Listening, Writing (2.5 hrs)
- Unit 2 Writing (2 hours)
- Unit 3 Speaking (approx. 20 minutes)

You will do similar year 12 exams in the Summer of year 12



# Course overview Year 12

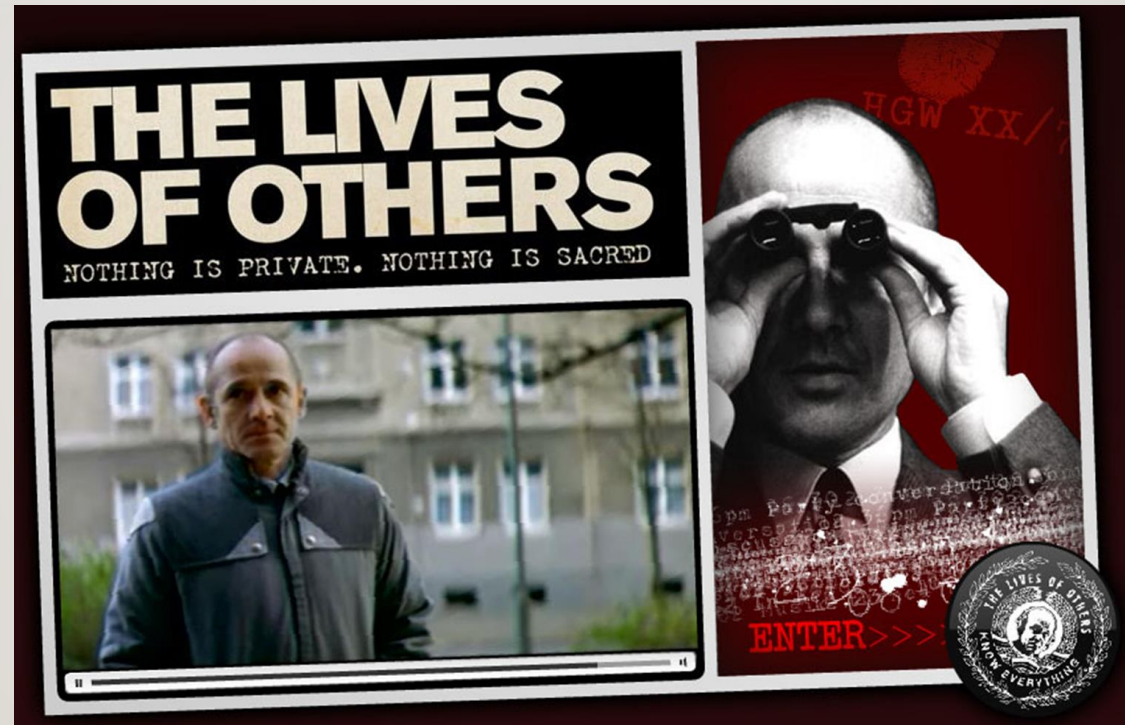
- **Aspects of German-speaking society**
  - changing family life
  - the digital world
  - youth culture (music, fashion, film)
- **Artistic culture in the German-speaking world**
  - festivals and traditions
  - art and architecture
  - Berlin
- **Cultural Study: Film 'Good Bye Lenin'**





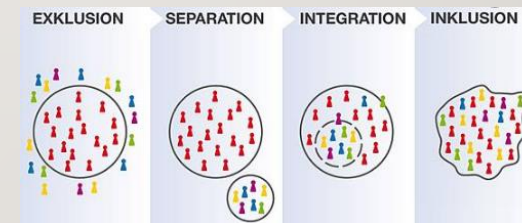
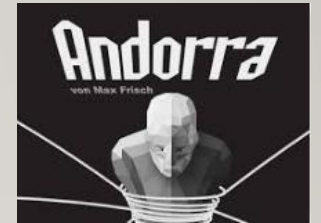
# The Film – Das Leben der Anderen

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- **Multiculturalism in German-speaking society**
  - Immigration
  - Integration
  - Racism
- **Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world**
  - Germany and the EU
  - Politics and Youth
  - The reunification and its consequences
- **Cultural study: Text** Andorra by Max Frisch
- **Independent research project**





# Assessment differences

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## GCSE

- Writing 25%
- Speaking 25%
- Listening 25%
- Reading 25%

## A LEVEL

- Reading, Listening + Writing 70%
- Speaking 30%





# 50% of your learning is expected to take place out of lessons!

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You will get homework EVERY lesson (30 to 60 minutes) but you will be expected to supplement this with extra reading / listening / revision / keeping vocabulary up to date / learning vocab and structures



## What we offer you:

GUIDANCE

ACTIVE + ENGAGING LEARNING

SUPPORT

TIME FOR DISCUSSION

ENCOURAGEMENT

## We are looking to you to develop:

MORE AUTONOMY

MORE INDEPENDENT LEARNING

GROWING MATURITY

MORE REFLECTION ON  
LEARNING

GROWING CONFIDENCE

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# Independent Tasks

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1. der Film – Das Leben der Anderen
2. Das Internet – reading and listening tasks
3. Tenses transition Activities

# That's all for now...

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- Thanks for taking part in our taster session today.
- The Sixth Form section of the Redhill website has more information on how to explore this subject further.
- We'll look forward to seeing you soon!



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