



Year 8

Department of German (Second language)

OVERVIEW

Skills Developed

- Working independently
- Working in pairs and groups
- Communication skills
- Asking for and giving information
- Listening
- Dictation skills
- Reading skills, including reading aloud and reading for gist and detail
- Writing skills
- Understanding culture and life in German-speaking countries

Topics covered

Main Topics:

Hallo!

- Asking and stating where and what something is (location & existence)
- Saying what something is like (description)
- Saying what something is not, and is not like (negation)
- Saying what people have (possession)
- Asking and answering questions about what you have

Was machst du?

- Saying what people do (in school and at home)
- Asking and answering questions about activities (at home)
- Narrating a simple plot/story
- Talking about one or many things
- Talking about Christmas

Die Schule

- How can I say what you and others have? (and what it is/they are like)
- How can I talk about more than one, numbers?
- How can I ask and state likes and dislikes?
- How can I ask for and give views (on school life)?
- How can I talk about myself, to and about someone else?

Mein Leben

- Saying what we do
- Saying what I and others can and cannot do
- Comparing lifestyles
- Talking about life outside school
- Narrating other people's actions
- Saying when you and others do things
- Talking about movement into, and location in, places
- Asking and answering questions (about family)
- Describing one day in your life
- Saying what is where (in German-speaking countries)

Freizeit

- How can I say what happens usually and what is happening now?
- How can I say what people can/must/want to do to improve their lifestyle?
- How can I compare usual activities with future summer plans?
- How can I talk about going to places?

Main Grammar:

- Present Tense Verbs
- Basic Cases (nominative and accusative),
- Use of Adjectives
- Singular and Plural Nouns
- Possessive Adjectives
- Using negatives
- Basic word order rules

How we assess your daughter's progress

- There will be regular vocabulary and grammar tests, as well as end-of-unit assessments, which will test your daughter in all four skill areas (speaking, listening, reading and writing)
- Homework will be given after every lesson (20 minutes) and may be learning for a vocabulary test, or revising for an end-of-unit test, or may be a reading exercise or preparation for a speaking activity
- All creative writing and assessments will be marked and graded, and your daughter will be given clear guidance on what she has done well and what she needs to do in order to improve.
- Progress of the class will also be assessed during lessons and your daughter's teacher will adapt the lesson according to the needs of the class.

How we support and develop your daughter**Support materials:**

- Every pupil has access to Language Gym, an online vocab and grammar learning tool
- Every pupil will be issued with a Language Guide
- Year 10 German pupils are available to mentor pupils as necessary
- We use materials from the Goethe Institut and run competitions organised by them in different year groups

How you can help your daughter

You could: help your daughter to learn new vocabulary; listen to her reading aloud; help her to understand how to use a dictionary; help her to locate German radio online or German television on satellite TV. Language awareness is useful to make comparisons between German and English.