

Subject:	GCSE GERMAN
Examination Board:	AQA
Syllabus:	AQA German 8668

Topics covered:

Identity and Culture; Local, National, International and Global areas of interest; Current and Future Study and Employment (these topics will be covered across years 10 and 11)

Grammar will include:

- Revision of the Present tense of regular + irregular verbs
- Revision of the Past tense of regular and irregular forms
- Revision of Future tenses - regular and irregular verbs
- Conditional tense
- Imperfect tense
- Complex structures and subordinate clauses
- Infinitive clauses

Skills Developed:

- Listening, speaking, reading and writing in German
- A wider awareness of German life and culture

Grades available in this academic year and brief explanation:

- Students will be assessed according to the new GCSE scale 1-9
- They will be assessed regularly in all four skills, listening, reading, writing, and speaking, using end of unit tests and graded according to GCSE criteria.

Support Material:

- Textbook is 'AQA German GCSE'.
- Access also to the Kerboodle on-line textbook
- Year 11 German additional materials are in the Curriculum Shared Area and on Frog, and they are updated regularly.
- Suggested websites include:
 - www.vocabexpress.com - your daughter will have a school log-in. School code is UKNONS
 - www.memrise.com
 - www.languagesonline.org.uk
 - www.languageskills.co.uk
 - www.linguascope.com
 - www.klar.co.uk
 - www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german
 - www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german
 - www.s-cool.co.uk
 - www.revisegerman.com

What you could do to support your daughter:

- She should have a bilingual dictionary for use at home and at school to find more unusual and original vocabulary. This includes nouns, adjectives and linking words. She needs to write and speak in longer sentences and also be more independent in her approach than at Key Stage 3.
- You could ask her to learn 20 of her own new words every week and test her over breakfast!
- Encourage her to listen and read German for pleasure, by tuning into German radio or trying one of the websites mentioned previously. There are German magazines in the school library and in the languages lab with games and activities.
- Encourage her to watch German films.
- Language awareness is useful to make comparisons between English and German.