

German

Why study German?

Studying German is fun and rewarding. Lessons focus primarily on communication and are very interactive. Our exam results are well above the national average so with commitment and hard work, you will do well. German A Level offers so many possibilities. Did you know that Germany is the fourth largest economic power in the world, the Germans are world leaders in engineering and that German is the second most commonly used scientific language?

Course Outline

The course encourages students to:

- Communicate confidently in German through the spoken and written word
- Develop insights into the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries where German is spoken

There are 4 themes:

1. Being a young person in German-speaking society
2. Diversity and difference
3. Understanding the German-speaking world
4. The making of modern Germany: 1989 onwards

The course focuses on the four skills of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. There are 3 components which test a mixture of these skills. A Level candidates must take all 3 components at the end of the 2 year course.

Assessment

Component 1 - Speaking (30% of total mark)

- Task 1 – Presentation of an independent research project of your choice which provides you with the opportunity to choose an area of personal interest related to the German speaking world. This will be followed by a discussion based on your project
- Task 2 – A theme-based discussion based on a stimulus card comprising an image, a short text and a point for discussion. The stimulus material will be based upon any of the sub-themes covered in the course
- The speaking test is conducted by a visiting examiner



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Exam Board

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Where are they now?

Recent students of German at CRGS have gone on to study:

- Biology (Sheffield)
- Business Management (York St John)
- Gap Year: Travel in Germany and Russia
- German and Italian (Durham)
- German and Spanish (Swansea)
- History (Keele)
- International Management and German (Bath)
- Law (Liverpool John Moores)
- Medicine (Oxford)
- Mathematics (Bath)
- Modern and Medieval Languages (Cambridge)
- Modern Languages and Cultures (Durham)
- Politics with International Relations (York)
- Psychology (Durham)



Component 2 - Listening, Reading and Translation (50% of total mark)

- Listening - This part of the examination focuses on the ability to understand and respond to extracts drawn from a range of everyday situations such as brief conversations, news items, interviews and reports. Candidates are given a recording, which they are able to stop and replay them at any time
- Reading – Candidates respond to a variety of texts drawn from a range of authentic resources, including fiction and non-fiction
- Translation – Candidates translate short texts from German into English and from English into German

Component 3 - Critical and analytical response in Writing (20% of total mark)

- Students study a German film and a German book. They will be asked to write essays of about 300 words on each, in German

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any previous knowledge required to study this subject?

Students must have at least Grade 6 in GCSE German.

Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

Q. What opportunities are there for Extended Learning?

Students have the opportunity to take part in a German work experience placement towards the end of Year 12.

Q. What facilities are there?

Students have access to an online text book and laptops with headphones in the MFL rooms and there is also a German Language Assistant whose role is to assist pupils with developing their spoken German. Students will spend one hour a week with the assistant in small groups to help prepare for the Speaking exam.

Exam Board Specification

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