



Kimberley
School

A Level GERMAN

SIXTH FORM
MFL

German Language – FACTS

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- The changing state of the family
- The digital world
- Youth culture: fashion and trends, music, television

Artistic culture in the German-speaking world

- Festivals and traditions
- Art and architecture
- Cultural life in Berlin, past and present

During Year 13:

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

- ● Immigration
- ● Integration
- ● Racism

Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

- ● Germany and the European Union
- ● Politics and youth
- ● German reunification and its consequences

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Additional Content

Year 12: Students study one film.

Year 13: Students study one book in addition to the film.

Individual research topic – during Year 13: Students conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where German is spoken.

A-Level Assessments

Paper 1 – written exam (2 hour 30 minutes), 160 marks; 40% of A-level.

- Listening and responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources, covering different registers (60 marks)
- Reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources (60 marks)
- Translation into English (20 marks)
- Translation into German (20 marks)

Paper 2 – Written exam (2 hours), 90 marks 30% of A-level marks.

One question on the book with a choice of two questions and one question on the film with a choice of two questions.

Section A – books

Section B – films

Students must answer one question from Section A and one from Section B

Questions are set and answered in German. They require a critical appreciation of the concepts and issues covered in the work studied and a critical and analytical response to features, such as the form and the technique of presentation, as appropriate to the work studied (e.g. the effect of narrative voice in prose text or camera work in film)

Paper 3 – Speaking (21-23 minutes, including 5 minutes' preparation time at the start of the test), 60 marks 30% of AS.

- Discussion of a sub-theme based on a stimulus card (5-6 minutes), from a choice of two cards, studied for 5 minutes before the test begins.
- Presentation (2 minutes) (10 marks) followed by discussion of individual research project (9-10 minutes) (25 marks).