German

GCSE

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Examination Board: Edexcel
Assessment: 25% Listening, 25% Speaking, 25% Reading and 25% Writing

What does the course involve?

Learning languages allows you to:
- Meet people from different countries and find out more about them
- Learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, be confident about speaking in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently
- Add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers want
- Have greater opportunities to work and/or study abroad, or work for companies in the UK with international links
- Discuss your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- Learn more about countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it.

Differences from Year 9

You already know a lot of the vocabulary and grammar you'll need for GCSE: you know how to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your hobbies, where you live and school. You'll build on this knowledge during your GCSE course, and move on to new topics.

Skills developed

The ability to listen to, understand and speak German in a range of contexts and for a variety of purposes; develop language learning and communication skills which can be applied broadly; develop an interest in and a knowledge of the culture of countries and communities where German is spoken. You will also practise translation skills, which will prepare you for a smooth transition into AS and A Level.
You will develop all these skills while covering the following topics:
- **Identity and culture** - Who am I?, Daily life, Cultural life.
- **Local area, holiday and travel** - Holidays, Travel and tourist transactions, Town, region and country.
- **School** - What school is like, School activities.
- **Future aspirations, study and work** - Using languages beyond the classroom, Ambitions, Work.
- **International and global dimension** - Bringing the world together, Environmental issues.