

Careers?

German will increase your chances of a good career in many areas, such as journalism, PR, law, business, IT, advertising, banking, international helpdesks, sport, music, tourism, publishing etc.

Examinations

Speaking: 12-15 minutes: This includes two tasks; arguing a point of view based on a stimulus, a discussion based on a different stimulus.

Listening, reading and translating: This involves listening comprehension, reading comprehension and translation task from German into English. Time allowed is 1hr 30 mins.

Writing: A critical response in writing which involves two essays based on the study of a German film. Time allowed is 1hr 30 mins.

You will study the following film:

“Das Pferd auf dem Balkon” (Austria, 2012) A film about education, youth culture, the world of work.



Should I take AS German?

You should consider taking German for AS/A2 if you have already followed the GCSE course successfully. German combines very well with any of the options – other languages, sciences, arts and humanities etc.

Why study German?

- 24% of the EU Population speak German as a first language – a higher percentage than any other EU language.
- A study of German demonstrates good memory and problem solving skills and mental discipline, interest in other cultures and viewpoints and good communication skills. These are all valuable skills required by all types of employers, as well as university undergraduate degrees.
- Combining German with Sciences or Mathematics shows the breadth of your abilities.

What will I study?

The main topics cover: social issues and trends as well as political, intellectual and artistic culture. You will continue to develop your skills in listening and reading comprehension, writing and speaking.

For more information about the new AS / A2 course specification download the specification from our website at:

<https://www.crickhowell-hs.powys.sch.uk/elibrary/mfl-faculty-elibrary/>



German AS / A Level



“Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own” - Goethe

“The limits of my language are the limits of my world” - Wittgenstein

“To have another language is to possess a second soul@ - Charlemagne

How many lessons will I get?

You will receive 8 taught lessons per fortnight and each lesson will focus on developing a variety of skills: listening, speaking, reading comprehension and writing.

The importance of grammar

At AS / A Level, there is a focus on grammar and structure to enable you to learn how to put language together confidently and with increasing accuracy.

Speaking German

The only normal way to begin speaking a foreign language is to begin speaking badly! Seriously—you learn from your mistakes and you will be encouraged to speak German every lesson.



How much time do I need to devote to the study of German?

This is a good question ! Your teachers will expect you to spend much time extending and enhancing your knowledge and understanding of German.

Not everything can be learnt in the classroom!

You should try to read German books or newspapers/ magazines in your spare time and read articles online.

You should enjoy the challenge of working out meaning.

Independent study should never be a chore!

If you choose German for AS /A Level then your goal should be fluency in German and trying your best in all aspects of learning.

It goes without saying that you will need to be self-motivated, hard-working and enthusiastic!



Why learn German?

- Germany is one of the world's top exporters and is annually in the top three countries for GNP. Many British firms do business with German-speaking companies such as Bosch, Siemens, BMW, Adidas, Bayer.
- 47% of companies have lost business because of language barriers in French and German
- Germans expect to sell to us in English. They expect to be sold to in German. Even sufficient knowledge to interact on a social level is highly valued by Germans.
- German is the most spoken language in the EU.
- After English, German is the most important language for Science and the Internet.