

Qualification Name	GCSE German
Exam Board	Edexcel
Type (e.g. GCSE/BTEC Certificate)	GCSE full course
Level (1,2 or both)	Both
GLH (Guided Learning Hours)	120



**Course Content Outline**  
(What Will I study?)

A language GCSE builds on what you've already learnt in years 7, 8 and 9 and you probably know more than you think. By taking a language GCSE you don't just learn the language, you get to find out about other people, countries and cultures so it really is an interesting and varied subject.

**Troughout the 2 year course, you will study the following 5 main themes**

**Theme 1: Identity and culture**

Who am I?: relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with friends and family; role models

Daily life: customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (use of, advantages and disadvantages)

Cultural life: celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

**Theme 2: Local area, holiday and travel**

Holidays: preferences, experiences and destinations

Travel and tourist transactions: travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping

Town, region and country: weather; places to see; things to do

**Theme 3: School**

What school is like: school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success

School activities: school trips, events and exchanges

**Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work**

Using languages beyond the classroom: forming relationships; travel; employment

Ambitions: further study; volunteering; training

Work: jobs, careers and professions

**Theme 5: International and global dimension**

Bringing the world together: sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes

Environmental issues: being 'green'; access to natural resources

**Success Criteria**  
(How will I be assessed?)

Paper 1— Listening (25% of final grade)

Paper 2— Speaking (25% of final grade)

Paper 3— Reading and Understanding (25% of final grade)

Paper 4 — Writing (25% of final grade)

Lessons will be structured to ensure that the 4 key skills are covered in learning time. Homework will be issued each week and students will be required to learn vocabulary on a regular basis. Regular vocabulary and grammar tests will be given. Memrise is used regularly during KS4 German.

**Succession Paths Post-16**  
(What can I do with this qualification?)

A GCSE qualification will allow you to study A level at college and will give you the added benefit of having a second language competence when applying for jobs.

Languages are great for a wide variety of careers especially those involving translation or communication with people from non-English speaking countries. This can include careers in tourism, government, politics, media, publishing, journalism, teaching and much more.