

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 have already learnt in years 7, 8, and 9, and you probably know more than you think. By taking a language GCSE, you do not just learn the language; you get to find out about other people, countries, and cultures, so it really is an interesting and varied subject.

Subject aims

The aims of this qualification are to:

- provide a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study
- develop confidence in, and a positive attitude towards, German and to recognise the importance of languages
- provide a strong linguistic and cultural foundation for students who go on to study languages at a higher level post-16
- develop students' ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language for authentic purposes
- develop students' ability to communicate independently about subjects that are meaningful and interesting to them
- build students' confidence and broaden their horizons, enabling them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries, develop new ways of seeing the world, and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language
- enable students to become familiar with aspects of the contexts and cultures of the countries and communities where the language is spoken

Throughout the 2-year course, you will study the following 6 main themes

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

Within the thematic contexts, students could use their vocabulary and grammar to listen to, read, speak and write about the following subjects:

Family	Friends	Relationships	Equality
Physical wellbeing	Mental wellbeing	Food and drink	Sports
Places in town	Shopping	Transport	The natural world
Environmental issues	Social media and gaming	Future opportunities (e.g., work, travel)	School
Music	TV and film	Accommodation	Tourist attractions

Success Criteria
(How will I be assessed?)



Paper 1— Speaking in German (25% of final grade)

- Task 1: Read aloud (12 marks)
- Task 2: Role play (10 marks)
- Task 3: Picture task with conversation (16 marks)

Paper 2— Listening and understanding in German (25% of final grade)

- Section A: Listening (40 marks)
- Section B: Dictation (10 marks)

Paper 3— Reading and understanding in German (25% of final grade)

- Section A: Reading and understanding (40 marks)
- Section B: Translation into English (10 marks)

Paper 4 — Writing in German (25% of final grade)

Foundation Tier

- Question 1: picture-based task (8 marks)
- Question 2: one of two open-response questions, set in formal context (14 marks)
- Question 3: one of two open-response questions, set in informal context (18 marks)
- Question 4: translation into German (10 marks)

Higher Tier

- Question 1: one of two open-response questions, set in informal context (18 marks)
- Question 2: one of two open-response questions, set in formal context (22 marks)
- Question 3: translation into German (10 marks)

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 levels at college/ sixth form 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.

Careers directly linked to foreign languages

- Teacher
- Lecturer

Careers in which foreign languages are a highly desirable skill

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| • Business | • Army |
| • Finance | • IT |
| • Engineering | • Journalism |
| • Travel and tourism | • Media |
| • Technology | • Law |
| • Army | • Marketing |