



# A LEVEL GERMAN

## Why take German A level?

Learning German broadens your horizons and provides you with an insight into the way of life and culture of people in German speaking countries. German is the second most commonly used scientific language and Germany is the third largest contributor to research and development and offers research fellowships to scientists from abroad. Knowing the language of our German business partners improves relations and success and knowledge of German increases job opportunities with German and foreign companies in the UK and abroad. German is one of the most sought-after foreign languages by UK employers. In addition, the study of a modern language is well received by Russell Group universities. Languages are rated highly as ‘facilitating subjects’ – those subjects which best prepare you for the rigours of a university degree course.

## German A level at BRGS

German A-level builds on the vocabulary and grammar learnt at GCSE whilst including lots of culture and up to date knowledge of the role of the German speaking countries in the wider world. There is also a bi-annual trip to Berlin where pupils practise their language skills and put into context what they studying on the course whilst exploring the city. We also encourage pupils to get involved with UK-German Connection online opportunities .



## Assessment

	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Content	<p><b>Year 12 &amp;13 topics</b>  <b>Aspects of German-speaking society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changing state of the family</li> <li>• The digital world</li> <li>• Youth culture: fashion and trends, music, television</li> </ul> <p><b>Artistic culture in the German-speaking world</b></p>	<p><b>Literary Text and Film</b>  <b>Students study 1 book and 1 film in year 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The book is Der Vorleser by Berhard Schlink</li> <li>• The film is Das Leben der Anderen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speaking Exam</b>  <b>The test is in two parts.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 will be the discussion of one sub-theme from those in this specification, lasting 5–6 minutes</li> <li>• Part 2 will be the presentation and discussion</li> </ul>



Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Festivals and traditions</li> <li>• Art and architecture</li> <li>• Cultural life in Berlin, past and present</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 13 topics</b></p> <p><b>Multiculturalism in German speaking society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Racism</li> </ul> <p><b>Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany and the EU</li> <li>• Politics and youth</li> <li>• German reunification and its consequences</li> </ul>		of the student's individual research project
	<p>Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening and responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources, covering different registers.</li> <li>• Reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources.</li> <li>• Translation into English and into German</li> </ul>	<p>Duration: 2 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students answer an essay question in German for each of the two works they have studied.</li> <li>• Students will have a choice of question on each book and film.</li> <li>• All questions will be in German and will require a critical and analytical response.</li> <li>• Students will be advised to write approximately 300 words per essay.</li> </ul>	<p>Duration: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes supervised preparation time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 lasts 5-6 minutes and is a photo card task discussion based on a theme from one topic area studied over the 2 years</li> <li>• Part 2 is 9-10 minutes and is a discussion about the student's chosen topic area based on a topic of their choice on from a German speaking country</li> </ul>
Weighting	50%	20%	30%

## Where to Next?

German can be studied at degree level alone, with other languages, or can be combined with a number of degree courses in Science, Finance, Law and English to name but a few. Below is a list of possible degree courses using German, some of which our students have gone on to study.

Degree Courses	Careers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economics with German</li> <li>• German and Business Studies</li> <li>• Modern Languages (interpreting and translating)</li> <li>• Biological Sciences with German</li> <li>• MSci degrees in Chemistry with German for Science</li> <li>• Law with German</li> <li>• German with Management Studies</li> <li>• History with German</li> <li>• German Studies and Mathematics</li> <li>• English Language and German</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• IT</li> <li>• Translation and Interpreting for the EU</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Accounting and Finance</li> <li>• Logistics</li> <li>• Teaching</li> <li>• Recruitment</li> </ul>

## Entry Requirements

To study A level German at BRGS, you will need a **minimum** of: Grade 6 in GCSE German.