

WHGS Sixth Form

Modern Foreign Languages German



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A Level Preparation Pack

Our Exam Board is: AQA

Suggested Reading

As part of your German Language studies, you will cover a wide variety of texts and topics, so it is a good idea to familiarise yourself with as many of these as you can. To help you do this have a look at the list below for some reading and viewing suggestions.

It is a good idea to read through an article or two from newspapers such as:

- Süddeutsche Zeitung
- Die Welt
- Frankfurter Allgemeine
- Tabloids like: Bild

This may be difficult at first but focus on what you understand and not what you don't understand.

The speaking exam requires you to research an independent topic of any interest to you. It must have links with German speaking countries.

You could do various background reading on current international issues from the following sites:

- www.aufdeutsch.co.uk
- www.faz.net
- www.focus.de
- www.bravo.de



Topics you will study:



■ **Social issues and trends**

- Aspects of target language society
- Multiculturalism in target language society

■ **Political and artistic culture**

- Artistic culture in the target language world
- Aspects of politics in the target language

You will also study:

■ **Film: Good Bye Lenin!**

Suggested transition tasks:

Watch the film online and read critiques on this film in both German and English.

Research characters and themes of the film.

■ **Literature: Der Besuch der alten Dame**

Suggested transition material:

Watch the film version of the play online – the best one is the very old one from 1959. it can be found on YouTube.

Research characters and themes within the play

There is a variety of materials available on the Student Share area in German / Year 13.

■ **Grammar**

Access the German AQA Specification and read through the grammar section for what you will be expected to know.

Revise these topics from your Stimmt GCSE book and find YouTube clips to help with the more advanced ones.



A Level German Transition Tasks

It is important that you do not neglect your writing skills over the next few weeks.

Attempt these research tasks, which cover the AQA specification you will study. Choose the ones which are of most interest to you.

All answers must be written in your own words in German.

TASK 1: Aspects of the Target Language Country

Fact Finding Mission: Read through a variety of source materials and decide on the most interesting **Top Ten Facts** about Germany and German speaking countries.

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TASK 2: Life in the Capital

Research a capital city in either Germany or a German speaking country.

Write a short passage on what you could do during a visit to the capital.

TASK 3: Multicultural Society

Read through a variety of source materials about Germany or a German speaking country and make notes on multiculturalism within that country. Include and discuss statistics to evidence your findings.

TASK 4: Youth Culture

Investigate the current situation, in Germany or a German speaking country, of the following aspects:

■ Music

■ Fashion

■ Social media

TASK 5: Let's Celebrate!

Find out how the main festivals are celebrated in Germany or a German speaking country.

Make notes in your own words or create a mini brochure to encourage visitors to the country.

TASK 6: Paint Me a Picture

Find out about the main artistic influences in Germany or a German speaking country. This includes all forms of art, such as sculpture and architecture. Insert pictures to discuss your findings.

TASK 7: It's all Politics!

Write 3 facts each about the main political parties in Germany or a German speaking country. Investigate at least 3 different parties with opposing political ideas.

Party Name:

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