

Huntington School: Languages Department - German

Key Stage 5

Curriculum intent

Our KS5 curriculum is ambitious and enriching, and allows students to be fully immersed in the target language and the culture of Germany and German speaking countries from the beginning of the course. A number of topics are explored throughout the course which are relevant to the political and social context of modern day Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Furthermore, students will study a work of literature and a film, and carry out an in-depth, individual research project which will form the basis of their A Level Speaking exam. Students will continue to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the German language and will become comfortable with manipulating complex language to express themselves and present a range of different opinions on complex subjects relevant to the modern world.

By the end of Key Stage 5, students should have a critical insight into the topical issues that occur in German speaking countries and be able to analyse the social and historical matters which relate to German speaking countries. Students should have an appreciation of the link between literature and film, and the wider social, historical and political contexts in which key themes are presented.

Students should be able to formulate opinions that are substantiated with evidence, demonstrating analysis and evaluation. This includes the ability to critically evaluate the themes within literature/film.

Students should also be able to use a wide array of tenses and vocabulary in various contexts confidently.

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Term 1	Topics & Content	Grammar & Skills	Literature & Film And Exam Practise
<p>Sept - Nov</p> <p>Teacher 1</p>	<p>Theme 1 - Development of German Society <u>Unit 1: Natur und Umwelt</u></p> <p>1.1 Die Umwelt schwebt in Gefahr Developing an awareness of issues pertaining to the environment in German speaking countries</p> <p>1.2 Energiequellen der Zukunft Learn about alternative sources of energy, including nuclear energy</p> <p>1.3 Recycling in Deutschland Evaluate the issue of recycling in Germany</p> <p>1.4 Biologisch denken und leben Considering how to live a more more organic lifestyle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the present tense • Using the definite and indefinite article and <i>kein</i> • Use definite articles correctly • Use adjectives correctly • Revise techniques for understanding a written text in German • Consider how to research effectively on the internet • Learn how to organise your notes for the A Level course effectively • Learn how to take the lead in a conversation 	
<p>Nov - Feb</p> <p>Teacher 1</p>	<p>Theme 1 - <u>Development of German Society</u> <u>Society</u> <u>Unit 3 – Die Welt der Arbeit</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Deutscher Fleiß</u> Learn aspects about the world of work in Germany</p> <p><u>3.2 Deutsche Arbeiter in Europa</u> Learn about important issues for workers in Germany within Europe</p> <p><u>3.3 Boomt die deutsche Wirtschaft?</u> Explore the success of the German business world and the German economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand modal verbs in the present tense • Practise the imperfect tense • Form questions with and without interrogative pronouns and adverbs • Practise translating a text into English • Consider how to organise revision material effectively for the A level examination 	

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<p>Feb - Apr</p> <p>Teacher 1</p>	<p>Theme 2 – Political and artistic culture in the German-speaking world</p> <p><u>Unit 6 – Die Rolle von Festen und Traditionen</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Alle Jahre wieder</u> Learn about Christmas and Carnival in the German-speaking world</p> <p><u>6.2 Immer ein Grund zu Feiern</u> Research secular celebrations</p> <p><u>6.3 Feste, die vereinen</u> Learn about specific German traditions</p> <p><u>6.4 Andere Länder, andere Sitten</u> Discuss everyday customs and traditions in Switzerland and Austria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use prepositions and prepositional adverbs correctly • Use adverbs and adverbial phrases correctly • Use the subjunctive 2 and conditional clauses correctly • Use the impersonal passive correctly • Check and edit your writing to improve accuracy • Adapt a text to your own needs and check language for the range of language and accuracy • Consider how to improve your German for the next stage of learning 	
<p>May - July</p> <p>Teacher 1</p>	<p>Revision of Y12 topics covered and exam practice.</p> <p>Collate further data, discussion and preparation for research for speaking exam</p>	<p>Revision strategies</p> <p>Identifying possible sources for research project for year 12 Speaking exam</p> <p>Presenting an argument</p> <p>Leading a conversation</p>	<p>Review of possible set texts for study in year 13</p> <p>After selection of set text, pre-reading and background study of context of set text</p>
<p>Sept - Oct</p> <p>Teacher 2</p>	<p>Theme 2 – Political and artistic culture in the German-speaking world</p> <p><u>Unit 4: Musik</u></p> <p><u>4.1 Musik – Sollen wir auf ein Konzert gehen?</u> Learn about the German-speaking music scene</p> <p><u>4.2 Musik ist nicht nur zum Hören</u> Learn about the influence of music on popular culture</p> <p><u>4.3 Musik – ein Blick in die Zukunft</u> Learn about new developments in the field of music</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the perfect and imperfect tenses • Use separable and inseparable verbs • Use reflexive verbs • Develop strategies to improve listening skills • Understand how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively • Learn strategies in order to improve reading skills 	

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<p>Teacher 2 Nov - Dec</p>	<p>Theme 1 - Development of German Society Unit 2: Bildung</p> <p><u>2.1 das deutsche Schulsystem</u> Discuss the German education system</p> <p><u>2.2 Ich habe Probleme in der Schule</u> Understand information about problems in school such as repeating a year</p> <p><u>2.3 Schule und was dann?</u> Discussing options in Germany for further education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand different genders and cases • Use subject, object and indirect object pronouns • Apply the correct word order in German (TMP) and negatives with <i>nicht</i> • Use a dictionary to help you understand and use increasingly complex vocabulary • Speak fluently, using repair techniques and rephrasing answers • Use different learning techniques to memorise vocabulary 	
<p>Jan - Apr Teacher 2</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to present an argument, backed up with evidence from the film and evaluation • Developing essay writing skills 	<p>Film Study: Goodbye Lenin Historical and social background Reviewing scenes in detail Discussion of key themes in the film Analysis and discussion of character Analysis and evaluation of director's techniques</p>
<p>May - July Teacher 2</p>	<p>Revision of Y12 topics covered and exam practice.</p>	<p>Essay writing skills Essay writing: question analysis, essay structure, language Using a variety of tenses Passive voice in essay writing Indirect speech in essay writing</p>	

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Terms 1 and 2	Topics & Content	Grammar & Skills	Literature & Film
<p>Teacher 1</p>	<p><u>Theme 3: Immigration und die deutsche multikulturelle Gesellschaft</u></p> <p><u>Unit 7: die positive Auswirkungen von Integration</u> Learn about the positive impact of immigration Learn about the advantages of social integration and multiculturalism in German-speaking countries Learn about the positive influence immigrants have on culture and the arts in German-speaking countries</p> <p><u>Unit 8: die Herausforderungen von Immigration und Integration</u> _Learn facts about migrants in Germany Learn about discrimination in the job market Learn about the housing situation of migrants in Germany</p> <p><u>Unit 9: die staatliche und soziale Reaktion zur Immigration</u> Learn about the historic background of Gastarbeiter Learn about the personal experiences of locals and immigrants Learn about the ideology and the consequences of right wing extremism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the use of the nominative after copular verbs • Use relative pronouns • Understand how to use the genitive case • Weigh up opinions and draw conclusions • Improve understanding by listening to native speakers • Summarise information from an audio passage • Use the passive voice • Use the subjunctive in indirect speech • Use a variety of complex grammatical structures • Research an event or series of events 	<p><u>Study of a literary text</u> <u>Der Besuch der Alten Dame</u></p> <p>Scene by scene analysis Analysis of key themes, and characters Study of dramatic techniques Place within classical theatre Historical background and context</p>

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<p>Teacher 2</p> <p>Sept- Feb</p>	<p><u>Theme 4: Die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands</u></p> <p><u>Unit 10: die Gesellschaft in der DDR vor der Wiedervereinigung</u></p> <p>Learn about society in the GDR before reunification Learn about the political system, communism, the world of work and nature of accommodation in East German society Learn about East-West relation after World War 2</p> <p><u>Unit 11: Ereignisse vor der Wiedervereinigung</u></p> <p>Understand the role of Mikhail Gorbachev in the reunification of Germany Learn about the events in eastern Europe which led to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Understand how communism came to an end in East Germany</p> <p><u>Unit 12: Deutschland seit der Wiedervereinigung</u></p> <p>Learn about the impact of the end of communism on East German society Learn about the effects reunification had on schools and the education system in the former GDR. Understand the affects of German reunification on the economy and society of the new unified Germany.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Revise cases •Use the imperative •Understand adjectival endings with and without article for all cases •Learn to deal with the unpredictable in conversations •Develop translation skills into and out of German •Learn and use more sophisticated vocabulary <p>Learn the future perfect Use adverbs as conjunctions Understand and use complex academic sentence structures Reproduce information in your own words Vary writing , by using idiomatic expressions and synonyms Use the subjunctive in the past tense Use verbs which are followed by the dative case Learn how to use the subjunctive 2 for wishes, polite requests, as if. Learn how to hold the interest of your audience</p> <p><u>Exam preparation</u> Select, plan and begin research for Individual Research Project for the Speaking exam</p>	

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<p>Feb - Apr</p> <p>Teacher 2</p>	<p><u>Unit 13: Vertiefung</u></p> <p><u>Deeper study into aspects of topics studied in year 12</u></p> <p>Talk about alternative schooling and the voluntary social and ecological year</p> <p>Talk about the influence of environmental organisations</p> <p>Learn about different places of work and the retirement age debate</p> <p>Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of social media in respect of crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General grammar revision •Use the word <i>become</i> in the future, passive and conditional •Understand and use the passive voice with <i>sein</i> •Learn techniques to respond orally to statements •Draft and redraft work to increase accuracy •Appreciate different registers and know when to use them •Further develop translation skills 	
<p>April- - June</p> <p>Teachers 1 and 2</p>	<p>Revision and exam preparation</p> <p>All topics, film and work of literature</p> <p>Developing Reading, listening and translation skills</p> <p>Essay writing practice</p> <p>Work on Individual Research Project</p> <p>Practice for topic section of speaking exam</p>		

<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Ongoing Formative assessment: End of Unit Vocabulary Tests Verb conjugation and other key grammar point tests Practise AS and A Level papers where appropriate</p> <p>Summative assessment: AS & A Level exam style questions to inform ongoing data Year 12 End of Year Assessment June 2023 A Level examination Summer 2024</p>
<p>Feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal feedback given in lessons to correct and develop spoken language. - Detailed written feedback given on pieces of students' writing with actionable targets - Vocab test feedback where students are given a mark - Peer feedback during speaking activities <p>Students are given time to carry out their DIRT (Direct, independent reflection time) in response to feedback</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p><i>Frequency:</i> Homework will be set each week and students will be expected to spend a couple of hours per week on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended Learning will largely be based around our coursebook. Students can use their individual logins to complete listening, reading, grammar and summary writing activities from home. This is an excellent resource to support them with their independent learning and consolidation of the course content. - Reading of, and listening to, authentic German – aim to read at least one article a week from a German news site (eg Deutsche Welle, Planet Wissen) and annotate it. - Learning of key vocabulary for end of unit Vocabulary tests. - Exam style questions. <p>It is important that students aim to keep up with news stories and developments in the German speaking world as much as possible.</p>
<p>How can I support my child?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage them to spend additional time reviewing the lessons content and making a glossary of new vocabulary. - Support them with revision of key content - Encourage them to spend time in a German-speaking country e.g. by taking part in our exchange visit. - Look for local German events / exhibitions / film screenings happening in the area.