

German A Level

Summer Preparation Booklet
from GCSE to A-level

The Elizabethan Academy

Congratulations on choosing to study German at A - Level. The best way to prepare yourself is to ensure that you have a firm grasp of the language and skills which you have already used at GCSE. A little bit of work over the summer holidays will make you more confident when you start the course in September and prepare you for a more independent approach to learning.

Welcome to Year 12 German!

Type of course: 2 year linear course (final exams in Yr 13) with internal AS style exams/mocks in the spring/summer of Year 12.

Link to specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

Content of exams:

Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing + Translation from German into English
- based on topics studied in Years 12 and 13

Paper 2 - Essay paper - 2 x essays: 1 x book and 1 x film - essays written in German; Translation from English into German

Paper 3 - Speaking - presentation and detailed discussion on Individual Research Project (IRP) and discussion based on a stimulus card on a selection of topics studied in Years 12 and 13

Year 12 topic content:	Year 13 topic content:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Familie im Wandel• Die Digitale Welt• Jugendkultur• Feste und Traditionen• Kunst und Architektur• Das Berliner Kulturleben	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Einwanderung• Integration• Rassismus• Deutschland und die Europäische Union• Die Politik und die Jugend• Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folge

Film to be studied (Yr 12): 'Goodbye Lenin'

Book to be studied (Y13): Der Besuch der alten Dame - Friedrich Dürrenmatt

Additional information:

You will be provided with a copy of the textbook (AQA German A Level Year 1) and a grammar workbook. However, it would be worth buying a Lever Arch file and some plastic wallets and file dividers to help you organise your work.

Four Tasks to complete before September 2020:

1 Grammar

You will need to make some revision notes / postcards / posters on the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular
- Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
- Future tense
- Word order, in particular:
 - Verb second
 - Time Manner Place
 - How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following may also be helpful:

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.german.net (lots of activities to choose from here)

You will do a grammar audit in early September so that we can see your current strengths and areas to target.

2 www.quizlet.com

You should sign up to Quizlet.com and join the Yr 12 German class (details below) to pre-learn the vocabulary for the first topic of Familie im Wandel. Start with the subtopic: Beziehungen innerhalb der Familie.

Yr 12 German group: <https://quizlet.com/join/scawFuChH>

3 Watch a TV series / film in German and write a review.

Find a German language series on **Netflix** to get stuck into. **Dark** comes highly recommended!

You can also change your Netflix settings to *Germany* and get more language-based content.

On **ALL4** (Channel 4 on demand site/app), the **Walter Presents** section contains a huge number of German language dramas, films, TV series. You should watch *Deutschland 83* and *86* (in that order!)

4. Create a list of at least 5 German singers / bands you've listened to

On Spotify and / or Youtube you have so much to choose from. Find some German language playlists and get stuck in! You can also search for Goethe Institut for some German language recommendations. Your list should look similar to this:

Date	Singer / Band	Genre	Names of songs	Your opinion