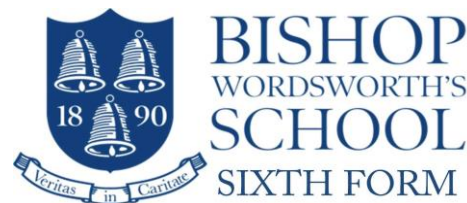


German

AQA Specification



General information:

The German course aims to develop communication and grammar skills to a high level, enabling students to debate issues with fluency and confidence. The A Level course covers a wide range of social, political and ethical issues, giving students an insight into German culture and the social obstacles faced by Germany and German-speaking countries. A book and a film will also be studied in German.

Course content:

In Year 12, the course covers The Changing State of the Family, The Digital World, Youth Culture, Festivals and Traditions, Art and Architecture, and Cultural Life in Berlin. In addition, students will study a German film and a book.

In Year 13, the course covers Immigration, Racism, Integration, Germany and the European Union, Politics and Youth, and German Re-unification and its Consequences. In Year 13, students will also complete an Independent Research Project on a topic of their choice.

How is the course taught and assessed?

German is taught over eight periods per week. Students have an additional 2 periods per week of Supervised Study, which are dedicated to their German studies. German is assessed at the end of the two-year course by three examinations: Paper 1 is a Listening, Reading and Writing examination, consisting of listening comprehension, reading comprehension, translation into English and translation into German. Paper 2 is a Writing paper, where students will be required to answer an essay question about the film and an essay question about the book. Students will also have a Speaking examination. In this examination, students will be required to discuss their Independent Research Project and two themes from the A Level course.

Entry requirements:

In addition to the general entry requirements for BWS, a Grade 6 in GCSE German.

Results information:

In 2023 75% of students achieved A* - B grades at A level.

Top destinations for students:

Students have gone on to study German at Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities.

Beyond the curriculum:

Students will have dedicated time to practise German individually or in small groups. In 2023, a December trip to Munich and Salzburg is being planned.