

Frequently Asked Questions

German

Question: What are some of the key topics I would cover?

Answer: 1A: We will be covering the *Aspects of German-speaking society* e.g., Familie im Wandel, die digitale Welt und Jugendkultur, *Artistic culture in the German-speaking world* e.g Feste & Traditionen, Kunst & Architektur und das Berliner Kulturleben damals und heute and will be studying a *Film* "das Leben der Anderen"!

2A: We will cover *Multiculturalism in German-speaking society* e.g., Einwanderung, Integration, Rassismus, *the Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world* e.g. Deutschland und die Europäische Union, die Politik und die Jugend, die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folgen and we will study a *Book* "der Vorleser" by Bernhard Schlink.

Apart from these topics above I will teach you the grammar, the skills how to write summaries and essays and how to do translations.

Question: How many other subjects can I choose alongside this one?

Answer: The majority of students will take 3 subjects and German would be one of them.

Question: What is the learning style like within this subject?

Answer: There will be much use of German in the classroom and most lessons will include a variety of activities; pair work, explanations, and exercises to improve the grammar, listening exercises, vocabulary exercises, translations, some presentations, classroom discussions and short written tasks. The lessons could be teacher led or I encourage you to do flipped learning. I will ask you quite often to prepare a reading comprehension and we will discuss this in the classroom. You will have weekly conversation lessons in groups of two with the Assistant.

Question: How will I be assessed?

Answer: I will assess you on a regular basis. We will be doing a lot of vocabulary and grammar tests and there will be 3 key assessments in the year. At the end of the first year, you will be sitting a transfer exam to allow you into the second year. This is an internal exam.

Question: What support can I access if I am struggling?

Answer: In German, I promise you that I will support you 100%. That could be in a small group or individually. There will always be support/workshops available.

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Question: Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

Answer: Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements

Question: Are there normally any trips that I can go on?

Answer: Yes, we do an exchange with a Gymnasium in Lindau am Bodensee down in Bavaria and I offer a trip to Berlin to see the historical sites. Students also get the opportunity to go to the cinema to watch a German film. The Horsham Society very often show excellent films in German at the Capital in Horsham which coincide with the topics we are studying.

Question: What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?

Answer: Most of the students go to university and either study German further or another subject with German. A lot of students go to Germany in their gap year to improve the language further, before going into the work force or university. Many companies e.g., Bayer, Hoechst, Siemens, Lidl, BMW, Volkswagen like it when students have knowledge of the German language. It will help you with your career move. A lot of students also study Architecture, History, Economics or French without German but found German A level extremely helpful as it gives them something extra to stand out. German is an extremely useful language to have.