



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

German

Exam Board: AQA

Course Specification: 7662

Qualification obtained: AQA Advanced Level GCE in German

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Subject Overview:

The A Level builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. Students must also study one film and one book, appreciating, analysing and being able to respond critically in writing in German to the work they have studied. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study.

Assessment percentage Exam: 100%

Progression Routes:

Post-18 study: Languages are considered by the Russell Group as a “facilitating” subject for degree courses. These are subjects which are preferred or required as they leave open a wide range of options for university study.

Post-18 employment: Languages are an invaluable skill to have. Having a language can increase your salary from 8 to 20% and gives you a head start on other potential employees.

(Source: http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/post16/why_languages/#toc_1)

Subject requirements:

- Grade 6 in Language
- Grade 5 in English Language
- Grade 4 in English Literature
- Grade 4 in Mathematics

Complementary learning:

- English
- Psychology
- Geography
- Politics
- History
- Sociology
- Engineering

Year 12

Topics covered:

- Subject content areas are:
- Modern and traditional values in Germany
- Cyberspace
- Gender equality
- The influence of popular icons
- Regional identity in Germany
- Cultural heritage
- Film study (“Das Leben der Anderen” by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck)
- Independent research project

Year 13

Topics covered:

- Subject content areas are:
- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration
- Youth of today, citizens of tomorrow
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements
- Study of literature (“Der Vorleser” by Bernhard Schlink)

Assessment

Is 100% Exam.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Assessment Details	Weighting
7962/1	Listening, Reading and Writing	Written Examination: 100 marks, 2hr 30min	50%
7962/2	Writing	Written Examination: 80 marks, 2hr	20%
7962/3	Speaking	Oral Exam: 60 marks, 21–23 minutes	30%

Additional information

Course specific equipment:

- A4 Lever Arch Folder
- Paper

Essential Reading Material:

AQA a Level Year 1 and AS German Student Book

AQA A Level Year 2 German Student Book

AQA A Level German: Grammar & Translation Workbook

Collins Easy Learning German Verbs

Recommended resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-34704260> (BBC Germany Direct)

<https://www.dw.com/en/about-dw/profile/s-30688> (Deutsche Welle, international broadcaster)

<https://www.deutschland.de/en> (Your link to Germany)

Enrichment:

British Film Institute Study day £10

Study trip to Germany (Optional)