



ABBEYGATE

Sixth Form College

GERMAN

Entry requirements:
Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 - 9, minimum Grade 5 German

STUDENT PROFILE

This course will appeal to students who:

- are interested in languages and communication, and enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life
- are interested in the business world, travel, tourism, literature, journalism or the media.

Often, students can choose the topic or question to suit their interests. Whether you want to use language for work, further study, training, or leisure, this is the course for you.

PROGRESSION

There will be a range of opportunities open to you. Some students choose to do a degree course in languages; others choose to pursue a higher education course in another subject, but choose a language option alongside it.

Having a language at A-level certainly improves employability, in particular with companies with international branches.

Whether you are interested in continuing your studies or working at home or abroad, a language course at A-level is an excellent step towards achieving your goals.

STUDENT VIEW

"I originally chose German at GCSE because I had a desire to study two languages, French and German, within my options. I enjoyed it so much that I have carried it on to A Level."

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COURSE CONTENT

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

What's assessed:

- Aspects of German-speaking society
- Artistic culture in the German-speaking world
- Multiculturalism in German-speaking society
- Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world
- Translation into English; a passage of minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Translation into German; a passage of minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Grammar

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50 % of A-level
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment

Paper 2: Writing

What's assessed:

- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
- Grammar

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 80 marks in total
- 20 % of A-level
- No access to texts or films during the assessment
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment
- Students are advised to write approximately 300 words per essay.

Paper 3: Speaking

What's assessed:

- Individual research project
- One of four sub-themes i.e. Aspects of German-speaking society, Artistic culture in the German-speaking world, Multiculturalism in German-speaking society, Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world.

How it's assessed:

- Oral exam: 21 – 23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) 60 marks in total
- 30 % of A level
- Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5 – 6 minutes). The student studies the card for 5 minutes at the start of the test (25 marks)
- Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks)
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment.

