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# SPRINGBOARD



## A-Level German

### **i** OUR COURSE DETAILS

The German A-Level Course opens up opportunities both in employment and higher education across a wide range of areas, as a language, whilst useful on its own, can also be studied in combination with many other subjects. The course develops hardworking, organised and resilient students with strong problem solving, communication and teamwork skills, which will be valuable for a variety of workplaces and HE courses.

We have chosen the Eduqas exam board for the German A level course as, whilst challenging, it has proven to be accessible to our students. The course builds upon skills developed in the GCSE German course (regardless of specification followed) and helps learners to become more confident, fluent and creative. As well as the regular classroom lessons, all students have small group sessions with our native-speaking German assistant. The German course can lead to careers in interpreting, translating, teaching and lecturing, journalism, tourism, diplomacy and many more.



### PREPARING FOR STUDY

Revision of vocabulary and basic grammar from GCSE is a must!

Make sure you are confident with how to form the present tense (and other tenses if you can) and try to listen to / read a little bit of German every day.

Use any GCSE revision guides that you have to keep practising and ensure that you don't forget the fundamentals.

Recording yourself and listening back can be useful - for instance: can you speak for 1 minute about yourself and your family?



### EMPLOYABILITY

There are lots of careers for which a modern language can be useful. The website below gives you a springboard for exploration.

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)



### TV & FILM

- Die Welle (The Wave)
- Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others)
- Der Untergang (Downfall)
- Tschick (Goodbye Berlin)

## UNIVERSITY COURSES

There are plenty of great places to study languages at University – this is a link to the Guardian's University Guide for languages and linguistics 2020

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

This link gives you a comprehensive overview of all the university courses which involve some (or a lot of!) German:

[www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)

As well as straight German, you could do Arabic and German (St Andrews), Law with German Law (Birmingham) or even Biological Science with German (Imperial)



## OUR TOP READS

Obviously use vocab, grammar and revision books to revisit the nitty-gritty of the language, but if you want to read around the history, you could try:

The Shortest History of Germany - James Hawes

Stasiland - Anna Funder

## USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

[www.Duolingo.com](http://www.Duolingo.com)

[quizlet.com](http://quizlet.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

## LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

[www.edugas.co.uk](http://www.edugas.co.uk)

## PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

In year 13, we do a lot of work on Germany after world war II / German reunification. It can be helpful to have an idea about these historical / contemporary figures:

- Erich Honecker
- Helmut Kohl
- Mikhail Gorbachev (an important Russian, rather than a German!)
- Angela Merkel

