

What do these stars have in common?



They speak German! Why study a language?

“Speak to a man in a language that he understands and it goes to his head.

Speak to a man in his language and it goes to his heart “

Nelson Mandela

A GCSE in a Modern Language is a real asset – some facts & quotes on the next slide hopefully show why it is worth being one of those open-minded students who study a language



Why study a language?

- **Sadly, numbers studying German nationally at GCSE have halved in the last decade**
- **And GCSE French has 40% less entrants than 10 years ago**
- Employers' groups said they were concerned about the fall-off in languages. *The Guardian*
- ***“72% of UK international trade is with non-English speaking countries – but it is estimated that **only one in twenty British workers can speak a foreign language**”***

Confederation of British Industry (CBI)

- *Employers are crying out for more language skills. We need to realise that learning a language isn't just a rewarding way to connect with another culture, but will boost job prospects too."*

Vicky Gough, Schools Adviser at the British Council



And why learn German?

- German is the second most wanted foreign language by UK companies (after French)
- Germany is the largest European exporter in the world and a major trading partner of the UK
- German is the official language of over 120 million people in Europe, but spoke by many more
- German is the second most commonly used scientific language (after Latin)
- One out of every ten books in the world is written in German
- You have great teachers!



So what will you study in German?

Year 9 Transition Year

- * Year 9 transition year is to prepare all students for the GCSE.
- * Learning is sequenced so that key topics from year 8 are revisited to retrieve and build on known vocabulary and grammar.
- * Students develop opinions, connectives and word order to include complex structures.
- * The past tense is introduced, and students start to communicate in four tenses; present, perfect, future and conditional
- * Speaking skills are introduced and writing focuses on learning how to translate effectively and guided writing tasks.

So what will you study in German?

The GCSE course itself covers a wide **range of topics** which are divided into **3 main themes** :

- **Theme 1: Identity and Culture**

- Me, my family and my friends
- Technology in everyday life
- Free time activities – music, film, sport
- Customs and festivals in German speaking countries



So what will you study in German?

- **Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global areas of interest**
 - Home, town, neighbourhood and region
 - Social issues
 - Global issues
 - Travel and tourism
- **Theme 3: Current and Future Education**
 - My studies
 - Life at school/college
 - Education post 16
 - Jobs, career choice and ambitions



So how are you assessed in German?

The **GCSE examinations** are conducted in **4 skill areas, all equally weighted:**

- Listening 25%
 - Reading 25%
 - Speaking 25%
 - Writing 25%
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- All work is externally marked
 - Foundation/Higher Tier entry



And the highlight of studying GCSE German?

- Are undoubtedly the **two trips to Germany**, which take place (hopefully) in the summer of year 9 to the Mosel wine region and the Christmas of year 11 to Cologne
- Students have the chance to experience German culture and life and use their language in everyday situations – buying food and drink mostly!
- There are a few photos on the next two slides, but a full display in the languages corridor outside rooms 34 and 35





Deutschland Mosel trip



Cologne Xmas trip



Any Questions?

Danke für Ihre Interesse

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