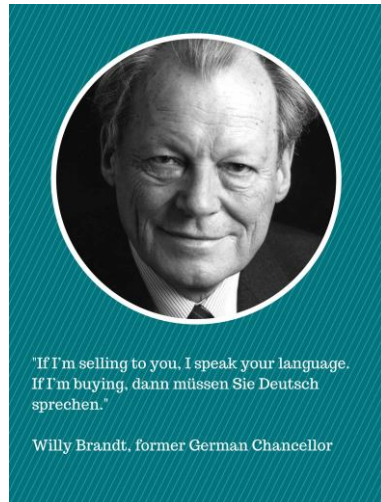


## German



As German is one of the most important European languages, especially in Business, Science and Technology, the language provides a gateway to careers in many areas. As a central and industrial hub of the European Union it is beneficial to have an understanding of the workings of such a dynamic economy and also an appreciation of the German 'Volk' and their rich culture.

The aim of the subject at all levels from KS4 to KS5 is to provide a platform for the students to become involved with all aspects of the German-speaking world, from the arts to the sciences, from Goethe and Grass, Strauss and Beethoven, to Haber and Einstein. This rich tapestry provides a profound basis for the success of the German nation which will endow the student with a knowledge of some of the most important landmarks in European history.

### What is studied at KS4

The KS4 syllabus followed by the Holt is that from AQA which provides a basis for study at this level with all the necessary vocabulary, grammar and opportunities to cover all four skills i.e. speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The GCSE exam comprises of four examinable sections based on the four skills mentioned above. Each paper constitutes a quarter of the overall mark and are sat at the end of Year 11.

The course is made up of the following themes and topics:

#### Theme 1: Identity and Culture

- Me, my family and friends

- Technology in everyday life
- Free-time activities
- Customs and festivals

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

- Home, town and neighbourhood
- Social Issues
- Global Issues
- Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

- My studies
- Life at school/ college
- Education post-16
- Jobs, career choices and ambitions

### **What is studied at KS5**

The KS5 syllabus followed by the Holt is that from AQA which provides a basis for study at this level with all the necessary vocabulary, grammar and opportunities to cover all four skills i.e. speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The A level exam is divided into three papers – the contents of these exams are summarised in the table below:

| <b>Paper</b>                      | <b>What is assessed</b>   | <b>Length of exam</b>                                    | <b>Marks available</b> | <b>% of A level</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1: Listening, Reading and Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspects of German-speaking society</li> <li>Artistic Culture in the German-speaking world</li> <li>Multiculturalism in German-speaking society</li> <li>Aspects of political life in German-speaking society</li> <li>Grammar</li> </ul> | 2 hours 30 minutes                                       | 100 marks              | 50%                 |
| 2: Writing                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One text and one film from the lists in the specification</li> <li>Grammar</li> </ul>  | 2 hours  | 80 marks               | 20%                 |
| 3: Speaking                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual research project</li> <li>One of the four themes</li> </ul>   | 21-23 minutes<br>(including 5 minutes' preparation time) | 60 marks               | 30%                 |

The course is made up of the following themes and topics:

Year 12:

Aspects of German-speaking society

- Familie im Wandel
- Die digitale Welt
- Jugendkultur: Mode, Musik und Fernsehen

Artistic Culture in the German-speaking world

- Feste und Traditionen
- Kunst und Architektur

- Das Berliner Kulturleben damals und heute

Year 13:

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

- Einwanderung
- Integration
- Rassismus

Aspects of political life in German-speaking world

- Deutschland und die Europäische Union
- Die Politik und die Jugend
- Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folgen

Alongside the above topics the students are required to study one of the set films and one of the set pieces of literature, specified by the exam board.