

# GCSE German at Woodbridge High School

## Key Points.

4 parts to exam. All worth equal marks:

- 1) Listening – 25%
- 2) Speaking – 25%
- 3) Reading/Understanding -25%
- 4) Writing – 25%



All take place towards end of Year 11.

## Themes (what you will study)

**Theme 1: Identity and culture:** Relationships; daily life; cultural life

**Theme 2: Local area, holiday and travel.** Holiday preferences, travel and tourist transactions, dealing with problem, describing your local area and wider region.

**Theme 3: School:** What school is like: school activities.

**Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work:** Using languages beyond the classroom: ambitions, future careers.

**Theme 5: International and global dimension:** Sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes. Environmental issues:



## What will I do in lessons?

You will continue to build on the German language skills that you already gained in school. We put a strong emphasis on developing your spontaneity, complexity and accuracy in the language, as well as your comprehension abilities, as these are skills needed for both the GCSE examination and for using the language in real-life. You will also be given lots of opportunities to practise the four skills required for the exam, in addition to lots of activities designed to help you acquire, practise and consolidate vocabulary and grammar.

A key aspect of learning a language, regardless of whether you are preparing for an examination or not, is independent work. To this aim, you will complete independent work using interactive online vocabulary resources such as Memrise or Quizlet as well as completing a range of independent home-learning activities to practise and consolidate the skills and knowledge learnt in lessons.



### Can I really use German in the future?

Of course! There are a wide range of job opportunities with German in a huge range of careers. Just search using *German* as a keyword on a recruitment site and you will see a range of jobs in diverse areas as accounting, finance, science, technology, law, marketing and sales. In fact, whatever career you are planning on, knowledge of German will be a huge asset! According to a recent survey, German has become one of the most sought- after languages by employers. Job vacancies specifying German language skills as a requirement rose by 11.6% over the past three years.

Studying German at GCSE will also make you stand out when you apply to universities. Due to the fact that fewer students nationally in state comprehensive secondary schools obtain a GCSE in German, this qualification could now be worth even more to you as it has scarcity value. German is now mainly studied in independent and grammar schools. We are very proud to say that our students have achieved excellent and above national GCSE results for many years.

### **GCSE Results 2018/19**

Please note: Figures in brackets are from previous year

<b>Overall WHS:</b> 4+: 87% (85%)	<b>National:</b> 4+:76% (75%)
7+: 44% (22%)	7+: 25% (23%)

### Should I choose two languages?

Woodbridge High School is one of the very few state schools where you can do two languages at GCSE. This is very valuable when applying to competitive universities & looks very good on your CV. Being able to speak two languages will be a huge benefit to a wide range of careers!

### Will doing two languages be difficult?

No! The more experience you have learning languages, the easier it becomes. So, learning two languages will mean you develop excellent language learning skills. Furthermore, the two languages you will study are very different (e.g. French/Spanish & German/Russian), meaning you will not get confused easily.