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URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL  
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SIXTH FORM

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# GERMAN

at Ursuline High School

LEVEL: A level

EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION NUMBERS: 7662

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## **WHAT WILL I STUDY IN THIS SUBJECT?**

### **ASSESSMENT**

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

Paper 2: Writing

Paper 3: Speaking

### **THEMES AND TOPICS COVERED**

Theme 1- Social issues and Trends:

Aspects of German-speaking society: current trends and issues

Theme 2- Political and artistic culture in the German-speaking world.

Grammar

Literary texts and films

## **WHAT SKILLS AND INTERESTS DO I NEED FOR THIS SUBJECT?**

This course provides a broad area of study and if you are interested in learning to communicate in German, if you love learning about the German-speaking world, this course could well be what you need.

Students study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of German-speaking society. You will study highlights of German-speaking artistic culture, including art and architecture, and will learn how Germany's political landscape was formed.

We also explore the influence of the past on present-day German-speaking communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of German-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. You will also study texts and films and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice. There is also the opportunity to be subsidised to spend a week long work experience in Germany in February.

## **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

Paper	Assessment Objectives	Total for all assessment objectives
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	AO1 %	AO2 %	AO3 %	AO4 %	
Paper 1- 2 hour 30 minutes	12.5	27.5	10		50% of ALevel
Paper 2- 2 hours			10	10	20% of ALevel
Paper 3- 21-23 minutes (including 5 minute preparation time)	7.5	2.5	10	10	30% of ALevel
Total for GCE A Level	20	30	30	20	100%

### WHAT OTHER SUBJECTS COMBINE WELL WITH THIS SUBJECT?

All languages      **Maths/ Science**      Economics      History  
English      Geography      Business Studies      Politics

These are some of the subjects that go well with German, but any subject combines well with a modern language and you may well want to study any other subject at university along with a module of German. Many employers will favour a candidate who has a language competence at A level and beyond.

### TO WHAT FURTHER OR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD?

à Single language degree / Joint language degree  
à Degree in language with Law, History, English, Business Studies, Marketing  
à Diploma in Tourism  
à Banking  
à European Studies  
à Management consultancy

### WHAT CAREERS COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD TO?

German A Level could open the door to all sorts of career opportunities, including:

- à Media / Journalism
- à Publishing
- à World of Education
- à Translation / Interpreting
- à Computer Programming
- à Diplomatic Service, NATO / UN /EU
- à Import / Export
- à Business and Marketing
- à Fashion industry
- à Finance industry

### **RECOMMENDED READING:**

- à *Use the Internet to read German news.*
- à *Read German magazines/newspapers.*
- à *Further recommendations will be given in September.*

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

*<http://www.deutsche.welle>*

*<http://www.zeitung.de>*

*<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk> [http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/post16/why\\_languages](http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/post16/why_languages)*

*<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/oct/16/language-graduates-jobs>*

### **ENTRY CRITERIA**

Please refer to the Entry Criteria Insert to understand the Pathway requirements.

The entry criteria for this subject is: Grade 6 in German