

YEAR 12 – BRIDGING UNITS

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Getting ready for A-level German

We are delighted to welcome you to the A-Level German course. This is a natural progression from GCSE to A-Level, and many of the topics build on your GCSE knowledge.

Language skills need to be practised – use it or lose it! It is essential that over the summer you don't forget everything you have learnt!

In order to be fully prepared for September, please work through the tasks in this booklet. Some of the tasks are designed to revise GCSE topics, which will form the basis of A-Level topics. There are also grammar tasks and some activities to help you to develop your cultural awareness.



TIPS!

Don't leave it to the last minute!

Please keep all your GCSE notes and exercise books.

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Getting organised for A-level

Please ensure that you have the following ready for September:

- a ring binder
- subject dividers
- plastic wallets
- stationery (pens, pencils, highlighters, paper, hole punch)



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If you have any queries at all, then do not hesitate to email: vjames@st-hildas.co.uk

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Course overview

TOPICS

Year 12:

Theme 1: Being a young person in German-speaking society

Family structures, traditional and modern values, friendships/relationships
Youth trends, issues and personal identity
Educational and employment opportunities

Theme 2: Understanding the German-speaking world

Regional culture and heritage in German-speaking countries
Literature, art, film and music in the German-speaking world

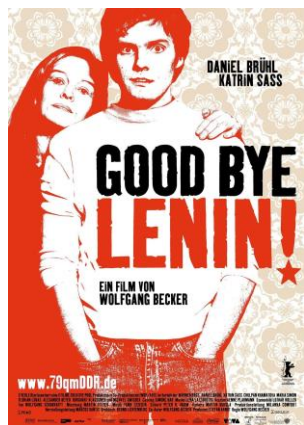
Year 13:

Theme 3: Diversity and difference

Migration and integration
Cultural identity and marginalisation
Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference
Discrimination and diversity

Theme 4: The Making of Modern Germany: 1989 onwards

Initial and subsequent process of reunification
Social cohesion in present day Germany
Artistic and political movements
Economic impact of a united Germany



Assessment

Component 1: 30% - Speaking

Independent research project
Discussion based on a stimulus card

Component 2: 50% - Listening, reading and translation

Component 3: 20% - Critical response on a film or text.

Two essays – one based on the film, Good Bye Lenin! and one based on the Bernhard Schlink book, Der Vorleser.

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Overview of your bridging unit

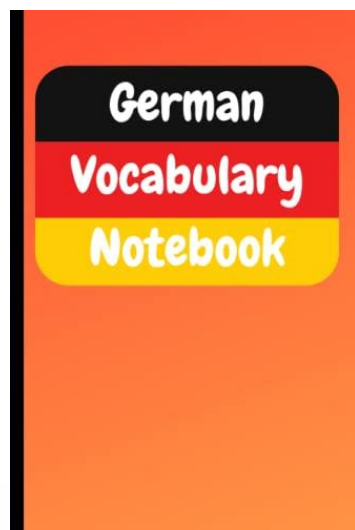
The following tasks must be completed. All notes and power points will be collected in on Monday 16th September at the latest.

SECTION 1: Grammar

SECTION 2: Research and Historical Background

SECTION 3: Film and TV

SECTION 4: Cultural Knowledge



TIP!

Use an exercise book to record all new vocabulary.
Learn this as you go along!

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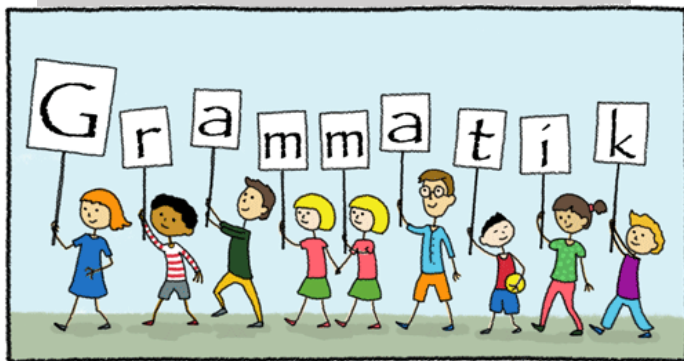
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SECTION ONE: Grammar

Make sure you REALLY know your grammar!

1. **Create a GRAMMAR FOLDER** for the grammar you have covered so far. The folder should contain personalised notes on each of the following grammar points.
 - a. **Verbs:**
 - Present tense - regular, irregular, modals, separable verbs, reflexive verbs
 - Other tenses - perfect, imperfect, future, conditional, pluperfect
 - b. **Connectives:** co-ordinating and subordinating
 - c. **Word order**
 - d. **Comparatives and Superlatives**
 - e. **Cases**
 - f. **Possessive pronouns**



EXTRA!

If you really want to get ahead, you could also research and make notes on:

- a. Passive
- b. Adjective endings
- c. Adjectival nouns

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SECTION 2: Research and historical background

Do some research into the history of the **Berlin Wall** and make some slides to show what you have found out.

You should find out:

- Why was it built?
- When was it built?
- How was life in the East?
- What difficulties did East German citizens face?
- When did the wall fall down?



EXTRA!

What were some of the consequences of German reunification?

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SECTION 3: Film and TV

Film and TV is a fantastic way to improve your language skills. Watch at least one TV show or film and make notes on it.

- Watching your **favourite film** in German with subtitles is really useful
- There are lots of **German language shows and films** you can watch too!
TV Shows – Dark, Deutschland 83, 86, 89
Films - Das Wunder von Bern, Goodbye Lenin, Balloon, Das Leben der Anderen.

YouTube has lots available for free if you can't access subscription services



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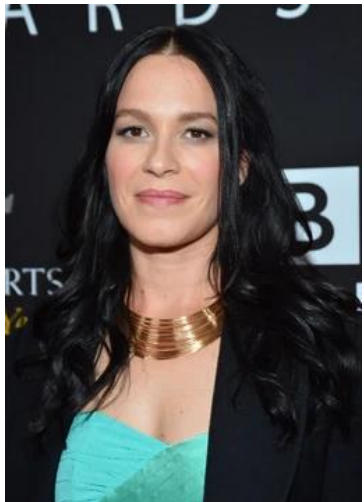
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SECTION 4: Cultural knowledge

Research one of the following from a German speaking country:

- a fashion designer or model
- a singer or group
- an actor or actress

You need to present your findings in the form of a 5 minute PowerPoint presentation in English



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