

Y11 – 12 TRANSITION - GERMAN

Below is a range of activities that will keep your German fresh and up-to-date if you are thinking of continuing to A level in September!

There is something for everyone!

- Grammar and vocabulary suggestions for those of you who like language work.
- Research activities into German speaking countries – German A level is more than just learning the language – the greater cultural awareness you have, the better you will understand the topics we study throughout the course – and it isn't just Germany – Austria and Switzerland too!
- Film, music and podcast suggestions
- News and current affairs websites that keep you up-to-date with what is going on in Germany. There is a whole unit on politics in Y13 so the more you know, the better!

1 Grammar ***required learning*** - you need to know it for September, so why not get a head start?

Revise and **be confident** with the following grammar points:

- Present tense regular and irregular
- Past tense (and when to use haben/sein)
- Future tense
- Word order, in particular:
 - Verb second and inversion
 - Time Manner Place
 - How word order changes after subordinating conjunctions such as weil/obwohl etc

You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:

- www.languagesonline.org.uk
- [BBC Bitesize German](http://BBC.com/Bitesize/German)
- www.german.net (lots of grammar revision activities to choose from here)

2 Online learning – topic vocab, useful phrases + expressions ***required learning***

- Quizlet – lhenderson_ems A level
- Duolingo
- Also try this Kahoot game: [Das grosse Deutschland Quiz](#)
- Memrise

Choose a selection of activities from each of the following categories

3 TV and Films to watch

Site	Title	TV/Film	Summary
Netflix	Skylines	TV	Crime drama series about hip-hop producer
	Holiday Secrets	TV	Family secrets come out at Christmas
	We Are The Wave	TV	Teens revolt against nationalism
	Criminal: Germany	TV	Set within the interview room of a police station
	Charité	TV	Medical/historical drama
	Charité at War	TV	Set in hospital during WW2
	Dark	TV	Mystery drama – German 'Stranger Things'
	Nailed It! Germany	TV	Amateur baking show
	Look Who's Back	Film	Satire about Hitler

	The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch	Film	Comedy about an Orthodox Jewish man falling in love with a non-Jewish woman
	Rock My Heart	Film	Animal film
	My Fuehrer	Film	Comedy about Hitler preparing for a speech
	We are young. We are strong.	Film	Based on the Xenophobic riots in North Germany in the 1990s
	Trick or Treaters	Film	Animation
Amazon Prime	Welcome to Germany	Film	A German family takes in a refugee
	Balloon	Film	Germans attempt to flee the East by using a hot air balloon.
	Behind the Wall	Docu	Documentary about East/West Berlin and the fall of the wall.
	Das Leben der Anderen (Lives of Others)	Film	Film about the work of the Stasi in East German and how they spied on the population
All4/Walter Presents	Deutschland 83	TV	Drama about young East German sent as a spy to the West.
	Deutschland 86		
YouTube	Sophie Scholl	Film	Film about the anti-Nazi resistance fighter, Sophie Scholl
	Das Wunder von Bern	Film	Film about a young boy who adores football and the first World Cup after WW2

4 Music and Podcasts

- Discover German music on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/user/goethe-institut>
- Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gap-fills until you can complete 'advanced' (or even 'expert'?!): <https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
- Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

5 News and current affairs

- News in Slow German: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4CAPKEyQ9KHtm9XEKjWHp3>
- Scroll down to '7 Tage Rückblick' and watch 1 episode of news every week, making a note of ANYTHING you understand (and ignoring what you don't for now): <https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html>
- Start following at least 3 different German language news outlets on social media – aim to find some each from Germany, Switzerland and Austria
- Research: What are the political parties in Germany/Switzerland/Austria? Who are they led by? What do they stand for? What are the main political issues at the moment?

6 Social Media

- Start a collection of German language memes
- Follow a range of German language social media accounts: DW – Deutsche Welle is a fantastic resource and posts grammar questions and links to interesting articles daily on Twitter.
- Find out who the current social media influencers are in German, Switzerland and Austria
- Follow a range of German social media accounts related to your own hobbies and interests

7 Other ideas

- Find a German recipe and try it out
- Research a topic of your interest related to German or a German-speaking country and prepare a mini oral/online presentation about it
- Vlog your summer, create memes, write a song, poem or story – get creative!
- Spend 10 minutes trying to learn the German
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 - capital cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3189>
 - important cities <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3030>
- Research these opportunities for visiting Germany:
 - <https://ukgermanconnection.org/yp/get-involved/german-pupil-courses/>
 - <https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/germany/>
- Find your preferred online dictionary
 - www.duden.de - monolingual German dictionary

- <http://dict.leo.com> - Extensive online German dictionary
- www.WordRef.com - online dictionaries in a number of languages
- www.verbix.com - online verb conjugator
- www.collinsdictionaries.com
- www.bab.la
- www.pons.com
- www.lexicool.com
- <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>
- And if you really must use an online translation tool then try these:
 - **Linguee** - advanced, sophisticated translation comparison tool www.linguee.com
 - **DeepL** - even more advanced than Linguee - www.deepl.com
- Find a range of German language learning apps – Which would you recommend and why?
- Put your phone/tablet/gaming console into German

If you have any questions, then please drop me a line:

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Stay safe and look forward to seeing you soon.