

**WILLKOMMEN**

# THE EXAM – WHAT ARE WE WORKING TOWARDS?

- 4 parts
- 4 skills
- Terminal examination – you will sit 4 papers.
- Speaking – Before the main exam session begins – from end of April.
- Listening and Speaking – 2 exams sat in the same session.
- Writing – 1 exam

# LISTENING TEST

- 25% of the marks
- Foundation Tier 40 marks; 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time)
- Higher Tier 50 marks; 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time)

# SPEAKING TEST

- Foundation Tier and Higher Tier
- 25% of the overall mark
- 60 marks
- Foundation Tier: students will attend one session of 7–9 minutes (and supervised preparation time of 12 minutes).
- Higher Tier: students will attend one session of 10–12 minutes (and supervised preparation time of 12 minutes).
- The format of the test will be the same for each tier and will consist of three parts.....

Possible that this will be your first exam as the window opens before the May half term.

# ROLE PLAY

- (15 marks)
- Based on a stimulus card, to be prepared by the student immediately before the test during their preparation time. Students will carry out one role-playing situation (approximately two minutes at Foundation Tier and two minutes at Higher Tier).

# PHOTO CARD

- Photo card (15 marks)
- Based on a stimulus card, to be prepared by the student immediately before the test in the supervised preparation time.
- Students will discuss one Photo card
- (approximately two minutes at Foundation Tier and
- three minutes at Higher Tier).
- Teachers will ask five prescribed questions based on the Photo card. Three of these five questions will be printed on the student's card.

# GENERAL CONVERSATION

- General conversation (30 marks)
- The teacher will conduct a conversation based on the two themes which have not been covered on the Photo card
- (between three and five minutes at Foundation Tier and
- five and seven at Higher Tier).
- A similar amount of time should be spent on each theme.
- The student will choose the first theme;
- the second theme is the remaining theme which has not been covered in the Photo card part of the test.
- This ensures that aspects of all three themes are covered in the Speaking test.

# READING TEST

- 25% of the marks
- Foundation Tier 60 marks; 45 minutes
- Higher Tier 60 marks; 1 hour
- Different types of written language will be used, including relevant personal communication, public information and factual and literary texts.
- An example will be provided in the question paper only where it is necessary to indicate to students how a particular question should be answered.
- Access to dictionaries is not permitted at any time during the test.



# WRITING TEST

- 25% of the marks
- Access to dictionaries is not permitted at any time during the test.
- All instructions are in English. All questions are in German.
- **Foundation Tier:** 50 marks; 1 hour
- **Higher Tier:** 60 marks; 1 hour 15 minutes

# HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE SUCCESS?

- Giving every lesson your full attention and best possible attendance.
- 100% focus in class - listen, speak, read, write!
- Keeping on top of homeworks – weekly vocabulary test plus mixture of written/reading and other tasks to complete.
- A minimum mark is expected in vocab tests, regardless of tier of entry. A **retest** outside of lesson time is compulsory for anyone not achieving this.
- Taking an interest in German Culture- radio, online, Spotify, football, cinema.