



German

Course Information

At Cavendish we believe languages are essential in developing a well-rounded and educated young person, as such we follow the Edexcel A level in German which aims to inspire all students in having an appreciation of the language, literature, film and culture of the German-speaking world.

The course will enable students to develop an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the German language, the culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills. The specification also supports students in their preparation for higher education and enhances their employability profile.

Examinations

This is a 2 year linear course (with the option of completing an AS), consisting of 3 final papers:

Paper One: Listening, Reading and translation (40%)

Paper Two: Written response to works and translation (30%)

Paper Three: Speaking (30%)

Course Content

There are four themes which address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Germany and German-speaking countries. These areas are assessed in paper one and three.

Literary texts and films are studied and assessed in paper two and these could include:

Das Leben der Anderen, dir. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (2006),

Good Bye, Lenin!, dir. Wolfgang Becker (2003),

Der kaukasische

Kreidekreis, Bertolt Brecht, 1944 (play),

Der Vorleser, Bernhard Schlink, 1995 (novel)

Entry Requirements

Grade B or higher at GCSE German.

Future Opportunities

Learning a language creates many opportunities. As such students with language A levels go on to have a career in a variety of sectors, for example business services; charity work; engineering; media; museums and libraries; public administration; teaching; tourism; transport and logistics.

