



SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

TRANSITION TO A LEVEL GERMAN

To make sure you feel confident and are ready to make a start in September, you should research and explore the wide range of opportunities available to develop and improve your skills. You need to show cultural awareness and well as a sound knowledge of the language and there are so many ways to do this. This document gives you an overview of the course and some websites and links where you can find out further information.

Visit and explore the following websites:

www.ard.de This is the German equivalent of the BBC. Covers everything and very extensive

www.zdf.de/nachrichten Similar to the above, but commercialised.

www.deutschewelle.com Lots of useful material here. You can hear the news read slowly.

www.newsinslowgerman.com Another similar, but not so extensive site.

www.nachrichtenleicht.de News.

www.goethe.de This is the German equivalent of the British Council. The Goethe Institute promotes the German language and culture throughout the world. You can sign up for free.

www.planetwissen.de This is an excellent site for providing background knowledge in a simplified format on the majority of contemporary issues affecting society. Very useful when seeking additional information for a presentation.

www.quizlet.com Great for vocabulary. Search AQA A level German

www.memrise.com For vocabulary building

www.leo.de Comprehensive online dictionary, and also gives examples of usage.

www.glamour.de and www.elle.de Two useful glossy magazines for fashion and youth culture. There are lots more out there like these.

www.netflix.com Lots of German TV programmes to watch.

www.hoerzu.de German TV and entertainment website

www.youtube.com Best way to find German pop music, listen and read the lyrics at the same time.

www.fluter.de Deals with German and worldwide political issues.

<https://www1.wdr.de/radio/1live/on-air/1live-webradio/index.html> Popular German Radio station for young adults with music, features and news



<https://www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de/> Good podcasts, cultural political news, book reviews, international music, online radio, with good website with transcripts of interviews etc.

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/sta/lon.html> This is the London website for the Goethe Institute which may be most interesting

<https://www.dw.com/de/themen/s-9077> "Deutsch lernen" This is the deutsch welle website. Information on lots of current political topics with tasks and transcripts. You can change the language of the website.