Southend High School for Girls
Sixth FORM

Course outline

Head of subject:
Mr A Shipton

Minimum entry requirements:
Grade 6 in GCSE German

German

What will you study in Year 12?

Students will develop an understanding of the language and communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in the language for a range of purposes. The topics to be studied are aspects of German-speaking society (changes in family life, the digital world, youth culture), and artistic culture in the German speaking world (festivals and traditions, German art and architecture, cultural life in Berlin). Students will also undertake a detailed study of a film (Good bye Lenin) and begin to study a work of literature (Der Vorleser).

What will you study in Year 13?

The skills and knowledge acquired in Year 12 will be taken to a higher level through the study of the following topics: Multiculturalism in German-speaking society (immigration,

Integration, Racism), and aspects of political life in the German-speaking world (Germany and the European Union, politics and youth, German reunification and its consequences).

Students will continue to study a work of literature and prepare an individual research project for the speaking test.

How will you be assessed during the course?

Students will be tested regularly on their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and on their knowledge of grammatical structures. There are 3 examinations: Listening, reading and writing; Writing; and Speaking.

Where will this course lead?

The German language has the highest number of native speakers in Europe and is widespread in its use in Eastern Europe. Of all academic subjects, languages lend themselves most readily to combination with other disciplines.

It is also possible to study one or two languages from scratch, on the basis of an A level German qualification. Job prospects are excellent for languages graduates.

Applicants with knowledge of languages are much sought after by companies operating in global markets, especially travel and tourism, sales and marketing, commerce, finance and industry and the media. It is worth bearing in mind that, with increasingly flexible career patterns, a number of you may be offered work abroad at some time in the future.

Further information

There are also a number of books in the school library and countless Internet resources for reading, listening to music and watching television and films in German. Students also have the opportunity to enter a prestigious translation competition, the Anthea Bell prize, run by Queen's College, Oxford.

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/german/a-level/german-7662/specification