

# GERMAN

## What do we study at A-level?

We study the following topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the German-speaking world
- Education and employment
- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions
- National and international events: past, present and future
- Literature and the arts.

## Unit 3 Understanding and Spoken Response in German

This unit requires students to demonstrate the effectiveness of their German language skills by presenting and taking a clear stance on any issue of their choice. They will be expected to interact effectively with the examiner, defend their views and sustain discussion as the examiner moves the conversation away from their chosen issue.

## Unit 4 Research, Understanding and Written Response in German

This unit requires students to demonstrate skills in advanced-level German writing (discursive or creative essay) and translation from English into German. The unit also requires students to demonstrate evidence of independent, advanced-level German language reading and research of a chosen text, play, film or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a German-speaking country, countries or community.

## Study Styles

- We speak in pairs, in triads (one questioner, one answerer and one observer) and in teams when debating.
- We do Listening comprehension online or using MP3/i Pod players. We do Reading comprehensions using authentic media articles.
- We learn how to translate from German into English and vice-versa in a natural, fluent style.
- We learn how to present our points of view in a persuasive, logical and balanced manner when writing essays.
- We learn how to search for raw material when researching a topic.



Work Experience  
in Germany

## Exam board:

edexcel

### Unit 1

Exam Spoken  
Expression and  
Response in German

### Unit 2

Exam Understanding  
and Written Response in  
German

## Student Profile



Name: Meera

### Qualifications:

'A' Levels in German, English Literature, Psychology

### University:

Currently at University of Portsmouth

Degree: BA Honours German

### Quote:

*'I think it is incredibly important to learn another language— what better way to engage with the world. We can really only begin to know and understand other people and cultures when we understand their language. The work experience I undertook in a German media company was a great opportunity for me—not only did I develop my knowledge of the German language and culture, I also gained so much independence. Now I really want to know more about Germany!'*

## Why study German at Claremont?

- Small classes – more personalised tuition
- Work experience trip to Germany with other students
- Extra-curricular trips to the Goethe Institut
- Cinema trips
- Outstanding teachers

