



GERMAN

At a glance	
Course title	GCSE
Grading	1-9
Assessment method	XXXX
EBacc	✓
Best 8	✓

This course aims to develop the ability to understand and use a foreign language effectively for purposes of practical communication and to develop an understanding of the grammar of a foreign language and an awareness of the nature of language. It offers an insight into the lifestyle and culture of people in German-speaking countries. It encourages a positive approach to other cultures and civilisations.

Students will study the following themes, on which all the assessments are based:

Theme 1 Identity and Culture, which includes family and friends, technology and social media, free time activities and customs and festivals.

Theme 2 Local and international areas of interest, which includes home and local area, social issues such as healthy lifestyles, global issues such as the environment, and travel and tourism.

Theme 3 Current and future study and employment, which includes school, jobs, careers and ambitions.

ASSESSMENT:

GCSE German has a Foundation tier (grades 1-5) and a Higher tier (grades 4-9). **All 4 papers must be taken in the same tier.** Each paper makes up 25% of the overall GCSE.



Paper 1: Listening. This paper has 2 sections, one with questions and answers in English and one with questions and answers in German.

Paper 2: Speaking. This will include a role play, a photo card and a general conversation. There will be one speaking test conducted in April or May of Y11 and marked by the examination board.

Paper 3: Reading. This paper is made up of 3 sections: questions and answers in English, questions and answers in German and translation from German to English.

Paper 4: Writing. The writing examination varies between Higher and Foundation tiers, but both papers will include 2 or 3 writing tasks and some translation from English into German.



Students taking German at GCSE level need to understand how important it is to learn vocabulary on a daily basis if they are to succeed in the subject. Students who are not prepared to put in this regular effort will struggle to make the required progress and succeed in the examinations at the end.

Studying for a GCSE in German at Redborne has many benefits including the following:

- 1) Germany is our largest non-English speaking trading partner and many local and national businesses are looking for people who can communicate in German.
- 2) You can participate in the very popular German exchange – Y10 students have priority for places on this often over-subscribed visit.
- 3) Language qualifications are highly prized by employers and universities alike.
- 4) Your English is very likely to improve as you begin to understand how a language works.



For further information contact Frau Neale or your German teacher, who will be only too glad to help you.

