



## German

### **One Year AS/Two Year A level.**

As the world gets smaller, Britain plays its part in the EU, holidaymakers travel the world and businesses become increasingly international, there has never been such an important time in our history to learn a foreign language. We aim to open your mind to the fascinating aspects of the language, life and times of the country whose language you are learning.

#### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade B or above in the language if taken at GCSE. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. Students with grade C in a Higher Paper may be considered with Departmental approval.

#### **This subject will focus on:**

- effective communication in conversations;
- reading and understanding texts;
- writing extended essays in the foreign language;
- listening to and comprehending the spoken language;
- how the language works; and
- the key social and cultural aspects of the relevant countries.

#### **You can expect to:**

- express ideas and opinions about key modern issues in written form;
- talk about important issues with your tutor and the language assistant in the target language;
- develop the ability to understand discussion of current affairs in the spoken and written language; and
- study two cultural topics in greater depth in the second year.

#### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

#### **Progression:**

Languages can be used these days in almost all areas of the working world; business, finance, teaching, translation, retail, civil service, international organisations. Many university courses can also be combined with a language to give you that extra edge to your qualification.

In recent years, a number of students have progressed to university to study German. Catherine Churchill (ex Hall Mead) used her A grade at A Level as her passport to study German at Warwick University, whilst Emily Terry, formerly a Gaynes pupil, is studying French and German at Bristol University.

#### **Other information:**

German had a 100% pass rate in 2009.