

Bridging the gap between GCSE and A Level can seem tough, but it will be easier if you try to do some work over the summer.

A good grammar foundation is vital, so try to look at your GCSE grammar notes.

-Revise all forms of the verbs “haben” and “sein” in different tenses.

- Do some free online grammar exercises, e.g. on: http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/learn-german-online/beginners/exercises_summary.htm

- Keep up with current affairs (watching/reading news in English and German. Recommended German websites are <http://www.tivi.de/fernsehen/logo/start/index.html> (This is a children’s website that presents the news in basic German) and www.dw.de (there is a section where the news is read slowly for learners of German with transcripts and vocabulary lists).

- Listen to German-language music.

- Watch a film in German with English subtitles or a film in English with German subtitles.

- Set your phone to German.

- Follow a Twitter feed in German of a person you may find interesting.

- Find something you enjoy and like to learn more about. Then research it on German-language websites.

Useful Websites

In addition, it would be excellent for your listening and reading skills if you were to go onto the following websites frequently:

www.lilipuz.de – listen to the German radio or click on the links on the left hand side to listen to some podcasts

www.news4kids.de – this is aimed at youngsters more than adults so the vocabulary should be much more familiar. Try to note down any new vocabulary and learn it.

There is also an app you can download for your mobile phone.

www.dw.de – news and information of German and European topics and you get a newsfeed with pop ups of breaking news stories.

www.tagesschau.de/100sekunden - German news headlines from today in just 100 seconds

www.heute.de – news from the ZDF TV channel. Click on the ‘Aktuelle Sendungen’ to hear the news from today.

<https://www.zdf.de/> - German TV, and you can use it like the BBC iPlayer, or you can search for programmes on topics that interest you