

A Level German Bridging Work

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. 😊

The key units you will be studying throughout Y12 are:

- *Familie im Wandel (The changing family)*
- *Die digitale Welt (The digital world)*
- *Jugendkultur: Mode, Musik und Fernsehen (Youth Culture: fashion, music and TV)*
- *Feste und Traditionen (Festivals and traditions)*
- *Kunst und Architektur (Art and architecture)*
- *Das Berliner Kulturleben damals und heute (The cultural life of Berlin - back then and today)*

Task 1

- a) Log on to Kerboodle using the same login details used throughout GCSE (your username will usually be your first initial and your surname) and then click on 'AQA A Level German 2016'. There you will find the AS text book.
- Here you can access all the units above and there is a 'Vocabulary' section that you could start revising. Alternatively, see Miss Freebairn and you can get a **printed vocabulary booklet** if you prefer.
 - There are also plenty of grammar exercises you could try.
- b) Log on to www.languageskills.co.uk and attempt the activities under Y12 - they correspond to the above units.
- Username: 2362, Password: German

Task 2

You will also study a film throughout Y12 and Y13:

- *Das Leben der anderen* (*The Lives of Others*)

It would be highly beneficial if you could watch the above films. You could watch it in English the first time with German subtitles and then perhaps watch it in German with English subtitles. Whilst watching the film, you could:

- list new vocabulary
- make notes about different characters
- write a summary of the plot in English (and then German)

We have copies of the film in school that we can lend out to you. However, it might be even more useful if you purchase your own copy as this will be part of your final examination in Year 13 therefore you need to know it **really** well.

Task 3

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

- a) Revise all forms of the verbs "haben" and "sein" in different tenses.
- b) Do some free online grammar exercises, e.g. on: http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/learn-german-online/beginners/exercises_summary.htm

Task 4 - Here are some extra things you can do - every little helps!

- 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 - You can stream the German Top 40 on YouTube or Spotify. Find a German radio station you like - 'Eins Live' is very similar to BBC Radio 1. You could look at a translation of the lyrics to see what they mean. You can also look up German lyrics for your favourite English songs on <http://www.songtexte.com/uebersetzung>
- Watch a film in German with English subtitles or a film in English with German subtitles - have a look through your DVD collection at home and see which ones have German subtitles
- Set your phone and social media accounts to German - you will pick up new words very quickly this way and this will be so valuable for the Technology unit
- Follow a Twitter feed in German of a person you may find interesting, perhaps a musician, politician or athlete. You could also follow a website made for learners of German such as Duolingo or Deutsche Welle.

- -Find something you enjoy and like to learn more about. Then research it on German-language websites. This could be anything from celebrity gossip to politics.

Useful Websites

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.

www.dw.de - News and information of German and European topics and you get a newsfeed with pop ups of breaking news stories. You can change the website into English too and use that to help you tackle the German.

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.