



GERMAN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB GERMAN?

Germany has the biggest economy in the European Union and knowledge of German increases your job opportunities with employers in your own country and abroad. German is the second most-commonly used scientific language and Germany is the third largest contributor to research and development, with research fellowships often being offered to scientists from abroad. Developments in media, information and communication technology require multilingual communicators and a wide range of important websites are in German. Knowledge of German therefore offers you extended access to information.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

All pupils will develop their communication skills to help them function effectively in a German-speaking environment. As well as refining and honing earlier grammatical foundations, pupils will learn to speak and write for different purposes, discussing topics relevant to the 21st Century, such as friendship and the media, through to social issues, global problems, diversity and identity. Higher level pupils will also read two literary texts (modern or traditional) and explore their themes, characters and contexts. The course leads pupils towards genuine understanding of authentic texts. German is the language of the great composers, poets and thinkers -read these masterpieces in their original form!

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are assessed equally. The speaking examination is run internally focused on topics which have been studied in class. Other elements are assessed through two examinations at the end of the course.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

The course leads towards genuine communication in German. Beyond that, cultural awareness and collaborative skills are a natural by-product of language learning, alongside the development of perseverance and attention to detail. Other skills associated with language learning are improved memory, problem-solving, critical-thinking skills, concentration, multitasking, and better listening skills. Speaking a second language is also believed to counteract mental decline as we age!

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Germany is home to numerous market-leading international corporations offering lucrative positions to German speakers. Berlin, the "Silicon Valley of Europe" is at the frontline of new technologies. Consider also opportunities in sales, journalism, international development, logistics, the Diplomatic Service, education, publishing and tourism.

