

“The limits of my language are the limits of my world.” *Ludwig Wittgenstein*

## Overview

The approach is a focus on how German-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of German-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on issues such as life for those on the margins of German-speaking society as well as looking at the positive influences that diversity brings. Students also study aspects of the political landscape in a German-speaking country, looking at immigration from the political perspective and at the way in which political power is expressed through action such as strikes and demonstrations. Teenagers and the extent to which they are politically engaged looks towards the future of political life in German-speaking society.

## Year 12

Changing role of family, the role of technology in society, voluntary work, diversity, marginalisation, crime and punishment, artistic culture in German speaking countries (cinema and music) and political life in German speaking countries through young people and political engagement, demonstration and protest and immigration.

## Year 13

Changing role of family, the role of technology in society, voluntary work, diversity, marginalisation, crime and punishment, artistic culture in German speaking countries (cinema and music) and political life in German speaking countries through young people and political engagement, demonstration and protest and immigration.

## Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There are final written, aural and oral examinations at the end of Year 13.

## Additional information

In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied. During your independent study you are expected to independently read up on the topics covered, as well as focussing on current affairs in general.

## Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 5 to 9 including English and Maths. Students require a GCSE Grade 6 in German.

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## Futures

Translating, interpreting, journalism, education, business, engineering, scientific research, law, politics.

## Exam board

