UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form Transition Pack

GERMAN

COURSE INTRODUCTION

A level German is a fascinating chance to study in depth how German-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally over the course of the 20th Century and how it continues to change.

The lessons will be split between taught lessons in a class and individual lessons focusing on oral skills with the German FLA. The topics covered include immigration and integration, national identity, the study of a German-language play and film, the history of Germany, equal rights in modern German speaking countries, and many other diverse themes. Students also choose an area of individual study and interest in Year 13 and deliver a presentation on this topic to complete the course.

EXAM BREAKDOWN
Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing
   Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes   100 marks   50% of A-level
Paper 2: Writing (choice of essay questions on set literary text)
   Written exam: 2 hours   80 marks in total   20% of A-level
Paper 3: Speaking
   Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)
   60 marks in total   30% of A-level

Essential summer reading

Andorra – Max Frisch

Germany: Memories of a Nation - Neil MacGregor

Essential summer viewing/listening

Sophie Scholl – Die letzten Tage (2005) (Sophie Scholl – The Final Days)

Lola rennt (1998) (Run, Lola, Run)

Task to be completed

1. Create an account with Memrise (http://www.memrise.com) - find and practice enough German vocab/grammar to achieve a score of 100,000 before your first lesson.

2. Download and create an account in the Duolinguo app (free app, available on Apple and the Play Store) - select German and drill enough topic areas to pass the first two checkpoints.

3. Find a German-language band/artist/singer and listen to one or more of their songs. Make a note of the name of the band and your favourite song.

 - Write presentation of 100-150 words describing the band; where are they from, what type of music are

they, who are they popular with, etc?

 - Be prepared to deliver your presentation on the first lesson back.