



### Hoe Valley Sixth Form

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Herzlichen Glückwunsch on choosing to study A level German! The world is now your oyster. Studying German will enrich your life, giving you opportunities to travel and work abroad and to learn about different cultures and different ways of life. Studying German will also enhance your life chances, as universities and employers actively seek linguists.

## Preparation

Below are some tasks that will help to introduce you to knowledge required for the start of the course or to consolidate key GCSE level material.

This is what you should do over the summer to activate prior knowledge essential for A-Level German and enable you to make a confident start.

- 1) Sommer 2024  
Make a set of slides entitled: Sommer 2024. Document how you spent/spend/will spend/ would spend time this summer. (Maximum 10 slides with a photo/video, sentences with the activity, an opinion and reason. (e.g. Letzte Woche bin ich zu Hause geblieben und es war langweilig, weil ich meine Freunde nicht gesehen habe). Prizes available for the best documentary!
- 2) Grammatik: ich kenne nur zwei Grammatikregeln ... es klingt richtig oder es klingt falsch ...  
To consolidate your grammar learning at GCSE please work your way through the grammar here:  
<https://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk92tfr>
- 3) Current Affairs and awareness of what is happening in the German speaking world:  
Try to watch/read at least 3 news stories each week. Make a note of any key vocabulary. These news websites will present the news in a way that is accessible to you at this stage:  
<https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo>  
<https://kinder.wdr.de/tv/neuneinhalb/nachrichten/index.html>  
<https://www.nachrichtenleicht.de/nachrichten.2005.de.html>
- 4) Soap opera challenge! <https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/jojo-staffel-1/s-31564> An online soap opera with subtitles!
- 5) German History and Culture through Film and Literature  
Watch the trailers listed below and write 3-4 sentences on each film in German, to give your first impressions. Based on what you see, would you like to watch the whole film and why/why not? What themes do you think the films cover?

Good Bye Lenin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJb4efZcFUM>

Lola Rennt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz2-D4IY2qg>

Die Fetten Jahren sind vorbei: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MB1UMfc8koc>

Das Leben der Anderen: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3\\_iLOp6IhM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3_iLOp6IhM)

Sophie Scholl – Die letzten Tage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x14U3R3-dFE>

Almanya – Willkommen in Deutschland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVBgUUzF1Hw>

## Reading

Below is some essential reading material or some titles that will help you to read around your subject and develop a deeper understanding of the subject, a crucial skill for success in the Sixth Form.

Reading parallel texts (German with English) at this stage is excellent preparation for the literature content of the course in year 13. Here are some suggested titles:

German Short Stories: Deutsche Kurzgeschichten Volume 1 (Penguin Parallel Text series)

Intermediate German Short Stories: 10 captivating short stories to learn German and grow your German the fun way

You should also broaden your reading from fiction to include non-fiction and news articles, so that you are keeping up to date with current affairs in German-speaking countries.

## Organisation

Below are tasks to help you to be organised with your work when you start in September. You will be completing a huge amount of work and to be successful you must keep on top of everything!

Ensure you have a lever arch file and file dividers along with an A4 note pad.

When you start the course you will be provided dividers, which you will use to help organise your work and to ensure you don't miss any lesson content, independent work or homework.

Start to keep a log of interesting articles you read - title, author and source, and why you found it interesting.

Ich freue mich auf unsere Stunden zusammen! Bis bald!