Curriculum Overview: German

Key Stage 3 (Year 9)

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Over the course of Years 10 and Y11, MFL lessons will focus on one of the following 5 themes from the Edexcel exam syllabus each term, with vocabulary from the different topics being revisited on a regular basis. We use the Edexcel (Pearson) text books Studio (French), Stimmt (German) and Viva (Spanish), along with a range of other resources. The core skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are given equal priority throughout the course to reflect the weighting of these components in the final exam. Students will sit a mock examination in the summer term of Year 10 and another in November/December of Year 11. Final speaking exams take place in the spring term of Y11, slightly ahead of the final listening, reading and writing papers.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

- Who am I?: relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with friends and family; role models
- Daily life: customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (uses of, advantages and disadvantages)
- Cultural life: celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

Theme 2: Local area, holiday and travel

- Holidays: preferences; experiences; destinations
- Travel and tourist transactions: travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- Town, region and country: weather; places to see; things to do

Theme 3: School

- What school is like: school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success
- School activities: school trips; events and exchanges

Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work

- Using languages beyond the classroom: forming relationships; travel; employment
- Ambitions: further study; volunteering; training
- Work: jobs, careers and professions

Theme 5: International and global dimension

- Bringing the world together: sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- Environmental issues: being 'green'; access to natural resources

Exam Link

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