



## Year 8 German Curriculum Overview

**Rationale for year group & skills:** German students will undertake 3 lessons per fortnight. They will study the topics of school, town and shopping and holidays with the past (perfect tense). We aim to make language learning a positive and rewarding experience and aim to support our students in gaining a greater knowledge and understanding of different cultures and customs in German-speaking countries. We hope to equip them with the language skills required to enable them to communicate effectively either for leisure or work. In Year 8, we will continue to develop confidence, communication and teamwork skills, as students will regularly work in pairs or small groups.

TERM	Knowledge and skills	Assessment/Teacher Feedback Opportunities	Homework and Literacy resources
Autumn Term	<p><b>Topic 1: School</b></p> <p><b>Knowledge</b></p> <p>Students will be able to communicate about school by asking and answering questions. They will be able to describe and give opinions about subjects, their school day, teachers, school facilities and rules. A wider range of opinion phrases, including negatives, will be taught and students will be able to justify their opinions by applying a variety of new structures. More complex word order will be introduced to explain opinions about their everyday experiences.</p>	<p><b>Skills for Assessment</b> Listening and Writing.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>The listening tasks test the understanding of single lexical items, of familiar statements, short extracts and the understanding of main points and details of a longer extract in the context of the school topic.</p> <p>The writing tasks test the ability to write single words and short sentences from memory as well as the ability to write short</p>	<p><b>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</b></p> <p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look, cover, write / say aloud, check method.</li> <li>Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers.</li> <li>Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back.</li> </ol>

	<p>Verbs from Year 7 will be reinforced in this new topic, whilst introducing a greater variety of verbs, including modal verbs. Numbers, dates and times will also be revisited. Students will improve key German phonics and spelling patterns in speaking and writing.</p> <p><b>Skills</b> They will be able to read and listen to longer passages and understand more details, using prediction techniques. They will begin to work out unknown vocabulary using a variety of strategies provided. Students will begin with sentence level and develop to text level in each skill. They will also practise translation skills from German into English.</p> <p>The key concepts of phonics, genders and plurals and cases will be applied with greater accuracy.</p> <p>Students will improve their collaboration skills and build confidence, as they work in pairs and groups regularly. Much of these lessons will involve speaking, developing their resilience and perseverance skills.</p> <p><b>Wider experiences</b> Students will start to develop a greater understanding about school life abroad and evaluate the differences in the school systems in the different German-speaking countries.</p>	<p>paragraphs in the context of school life.</p>	<p><b>Optional – Year 8 enrichment opportunities :</b> Use <a href="http://www.german-games.net">www.german-games.net</a> - complete the school lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p> <p>The German school system – Meet the Germans: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8SKDsC-Cew">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8SKDsC-Cew</a></p> <p>Typical German classrooms : Super– Easy –German: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu5j2sSS8sc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu5j2sSS8sc</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize school topic: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/3</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/2">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/2</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/1</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/4</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/6">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/6</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/7">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcmb4j6/revision/7</a></p>
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	They will communicate with students in another country.		
Spring Term	<p><b>Topic 2: Town and shopping</b></p> <p><b>Knowledge</b></p> <p>Students will be able to discuss their town, provide opinions and give numerous reasons why they like or dislike where they live. They will learn to buy souvenirs and order snacks and drinks and will develop their understanding of word order with ich möchte. Conversations using different modes of address will also be reinforced. Students will talk about holiday plans, using werden to form the future tense.</p> <p>Genders and negatives will be revised as well as numbers to understand prices. Students will improve key German phonics, focusing on the pronunciation of cognates.</p> <p><b>Skills</b></p> <p>Students will develop their listening and responding as well as reading skills. They will develop strategies to work out the meanings of compound nouns. They will be made aware of words that look similar to the English but have different meanings. Students will develop speaking skills to speak more coherently and</p>	<p><b>Skills for Assessment</b> Speaking and Reading.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>The speaking tasks test giving short answers to buy souvenirs and snacks, asking questions and giving longer responses as well as providing simple opinions and justifying opinions. Student also develop a conversation by including qualifiers, connectives, adjectives and negatives as well as using the future tense.</p> <p>The reading tasks test the understanding of single words, of familiar vocabulary, short extracts and the understanding of main points and details of a longer extract in the context of the town and shopping topic.</p>	<p><b>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</b></p> <p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look, cover, write / say aloud, check method.</li> <li>Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers.</li> <li>Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back.</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional – Year 8 enrichment opportunities :</b> Use <a href="http://www.german-games.net">www.german-games.net</a> - complete the places in a town and food lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize - Pronouncing words in German: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrdvy9q/articles/zjdrnrnd">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrdvy9q/articles/zjdrnrnd</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Berlin Beats – Pronunciation: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/z7b7rj6">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/z7b7rj6</a></p>

	<p>confidently and they will practise key phonics to help with pronunciation. Writing skills will also be reinforced and students will write creatively.</p> <p><b>Wider experiences</b></p> <p>Students will develop a greater understanding of towns and cities in German-speaking countries as well as cultural food differences.</p>		<p>BBC Bitesize – Talking about food in German:  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/z6xwgwx">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk7rgwx/articles/z6xwgwx</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Asking questions:  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/z746kmm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/z746kmm</a></p>
Summer	<p><b>Topic 3: Holidays</b></p> <p><b>Knowledge</b></p> <p>Students will be introduced to the past tense to be able to discuss holidays, such as: how they travelled, what the weather was like and what problems they had on holiday. They will also develop opinions to be able to agree or disagree. Students will become confident with past verbs with haben and sein. They will reinforce word order rules in the past with time phrases. They will focus on question words, use the question to help formulate a response as well as use a question to keep a conversation going. At the end of this module, students will be confident in combining present and past tenses.</p> <p><b>Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Skills for Assessment</b>  All four skills – Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>The listening tasks test the understanding of single lexical items, of familiar statements, short extracts and the understanding of main points and details of a longer extract in the context of the holiday topic.</p> <p>The speaking tasks test giving more detailed answers, including opinions and reasons, adjectives and connectives. Time phrases will be added and references to past and present tense will be included.</p>	<p><b>Homework hours: 30 minutes per week</b></p> <p>Homework set from homework booklet or vocabulary: words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons.</p> <p>Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.</p> <p>How to revise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look, cover, write / say aloud , check method.</li> <li>Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers.</li> <li>Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / German on the back.</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional – Y8 Enrichment opportunities:</b></p>

	<p>Students will develop their listening and reading skills by using strategies for working out the meaning of unfamiliar words, dividing up compound words, using a dictionary and using context. They will develop accurate pronunciation of key sounds and intonation and will use fillers to buy time and improve spontaneity. Translation skills from German into English will be reinforced and students will continue with writing creatively.</p> <p><b>Wider experiences</b></p> <p>Students will understand that German-speaking countries are great places to holiday. There are so many different types of holidays in German-speaking countries, for example: beach holidays on Sylt and Rügen, holidays on Lake Constance, mountain breaks in the German Alps or the Black Forest, skiing in Austria and Switzerland, city breaks in Berlin and Hamburg and river cruises on the Rhine and the Danube etc.</p>	<p>The reading tasks test the understanding of single words, of familiar vocabulary, short extracts and the understanding of main points and details of a longer extract in the context of the holiday topic.</p> <p>The writing tasks test the accuracy of short sentences, a short written text, using interesting vocabulary and adjectives, opinions and reasons, connectives and time phrases and a more detailed piece, using both present and past tenses.</p>	<p>Use <a href="http://www.german-games.net">www.german-games.net</a> - complete the go topic lessons and then play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing.</p> <p>Top tourist attractions in Germany: <a href="https://www.germany.travel/en/top-100/travel-attractions.html">https://www.germany.travel/en/top-100/travel-attractions.html</a></p> <p>Fairy Tales in German: <a href="https://fairytalez.com/region/german/">https://fairytalez.com/region/german/</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Present tense in German: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm3m47h/articles/zbbn7nb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm3m47h/articles/zbbn7nb</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Perfect (past) tense in German: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm3m47h/articles/zrrfmfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm3m47h/articles/zrrfmfr</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Berlin Beats – Perfect (past) tense: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zbp9scw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zbp9scw</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Berlin Beats - Expressing opinions: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zrnkf4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zrnkf4j</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize – Berlin Beats – Adjectives and conjunctions: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zn7vmfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhchd6f/articles/zn7vmfr</a></p>
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