



The Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form German curriculum aims to equip students with foundational language skills while fostering an understanding of German-speaking cultures. The course covers key areas:

This includes learning core vocabulary, grammar structures, and cultural knowledge to communicate effectively in German. Pupils will develop skills to understand and interpret spoken and written German, alongside fostering independent language acquisition strategies. They are also constantly encouraged to reflect on their own language-learning journey, make connections to their native language and appreciate different cultures. Discussion, role-play and practical language application play a significant role in the curriculum, with a focus on building confidence in speaking and writing German.

Year 7 Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	• Numbers • Alphabet • Basic Verbs • Cognates • Family • Pets • Characteristics	Knowledge: Students will learn essential German vocabulary, including numbers, the alphabet, basic verbs, and common cognates. They will explore personal pronouns and fundamental sentence structures. Pupils will also gain an understanding of German family structures, pet vocabulary, and descriptive adjectives. By the end of the term, they will be able to introduce themselves, describe their family and pets, and express simple opinions. Skills:	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcj2tfr Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Languagenut V2025-3-18 Learn German Language with Memrise



		Pupils will develop the ability to ask and answer basic questions in German, apply present tense verb conjugation, and use simple connectives to form more detailed sentences. They will also enhance their listening and pronunciation skills, gaining confidence in speaking aloud and understanding spoken German.	
Assessments		Assessment: Students will be assessed through listening, speaking, reading, and writing tasks. These assessments will focus on their ability to introduce themselves, describe their family and pets, and demonstrate comprehension of simple German texts. The assessments will help monitor progress in pronunciation, vocabulary retention, and grammatical accuracy.	
2	• Sport • Hobbies • Music • Recognising tenses • School • Time • Use of subordinate clause	Knowledge: This term, students will expand their vocabulary related to hobbies, sports, music, and daily routines. They will learn how to express opinions and preferences about their interests and discuss school-related topics, such as subjects and timetables. An introduction to tense recognition will help students understand how to describe past and present activities.	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcj2tfr Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Languagenut V2025-3-18 Learn German Language with Memrise



		Skills: Pupils will practise forming and expressing opinions, comparing hobbies, and using time expressions. They will develop the ability to hold short conversations about their school routine and weekend activities while recognising different verb tenses. Listening and reading comprehension exercises will reinforce their ability to understand spoken and written German.	
Assessments		Assessment: Students will complete a variety of tasks in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These assessments will evaluate their ability to discuss personal interests, school life, and basic time expressions. A particular focus will be on sentence structure, opinion-based responses, and comprehension of simple German dialogues.	
3	• Healthy Eating • Use of conditional	Knowledge:	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zci2tfr



	• Education Post-16 • Cultural Aspect, famous Germans	In the final term, students will learn about healthy lifestyles, including food choices and exercise. They will explore the conditional tense to discuss hypothetical situations related to future aspirations and career paths. Additionally, they will be introduced to notable German figures and their cultural significance. Skills: Pupils will refine their ability to construct longer sentences using the conditional tense. They will learn to express their views on healthy eating and compare different lifestyle choices. Research and presentation skills will also be developed as they explore cultural aspects of German-speaking countries.	Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Languagenut V2025-3-18 Learn German Language with Memrise
Assessment	Assessment: Students will be assessed on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Assessments will include a written task on healthy lifestyles, a listening comprehension on German cultural topics, and a speaking exercise where they discuss their aspirations and career goals. These tasks will help measure their ability to use new vocabulary, apply the conditional tense, and express opinions fluently.		