



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 8 Term	Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Useful Links
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday Activities• Past Holiday• Travel• Weather• Opinion on past holiday	<p>Knowledge:</p> <p>Students will expand their vocabulary related to holiday activities, past travel experiences, and weather conditions. They will learn to describe daily routines, discuss their home and bedroom, and express opinions about their ideal home. Key grammar topics include the perfect tense, infinitive structures, separable verbs, and using 'es gibt' correctly.</p> <p>Skills:</p>	<p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zci2tfr</p> <p>Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</p> <p>Languagenut V2025-3-18</p> <p>Learn German Language with Memrise</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about daily routines and chores • Saying what there is in the town and giving directions • Where you live and have lived • Bedroom • Future home 	<p>Pupils will develop their ability to use past and present tenses together, improving fluency in describing past holidays and experiences. They will practise giving directions, making comparisons between different types of homes, and expressing future aspirations using the future tense. Listening and speaking activities will enhance comprehension and pronunciation.</p>	
<p>Assessments</p>	<p>Students will complete listening, speaking, reading, and writing assessments. These will test their ability to describe past holidays, give opinions on different living environments, and use appropriate grammar structures. Writing assessments will focus on structuring extended responses using connectives and tenses accurately.</p>		
<p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily routine and German 		<p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units</p>



	<p>speaking world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making plans and excuses• Healthy living• Chores• Saying what you wear and like to wear• Style• Shopping habits• Clothes• Special occasions	<p>Knowledge:</p> <p>This term introduces vocabulary related to daily routines, healthy living, chores, and making plans. Students will also explore German-speaking festivals and special occasions. Grammar topics include modal verbs, possessive adjectives, and the use of subordinate clauses. Pupils will work with both the future and conditional tenses to discuss plans and aspirations.</p> <p>Skills:</p> <p>Students will practise forming complex sentences using modals and subordinate clauses. They will engage in discussions about shopping habits, personal style, and celebrations in German-speaking countries. Role-play activities will help build confidence in making plans and expressing preferences. Translation exercises will reinforce grammatical accuracy.</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zci2tfr</p> <p>Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</p> <p>Languagenut V2025-3-18</p> <p>Learn German Language with Memrise</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festivals and celebrations in Germany 		
Assessments		<p>Listening, speaking, reading, and writing tasks will assess students' ability to discuss daily life, compare different lifestyles, and express preferences about fashion and special occasions. Speaking assessments will focus on fluency in responding to real-life scenarios.</p>	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV and film • Different types of music • Internet and social media • Technology • Environmental problems • Celebrities in Germany 	<p>Knowledge:</p> <p>Students will explore topics related to television, film, music, the internet, and social media. They will discuss environmental issues and famous German figures and take a virtual trip to Berlin. Grammar topics include modal verbs, various tenses (past, present, future, conditional), and complex sentence structures with coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.</p> <p>Skills:</p> <p>Pupils will refine their ability to express opinions on media and technology, using a range of tenses confidently. They will analyse social and environmental issues, improving their ability to construct persuasive arguments in German.</p>	<p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks3-l/units</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zci2tfr</p> <p>Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</p> <p>Languagenut V2025-3-18</p> <p>Learn German Language with Memrise</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trip to Berlin	Research projects on German celebrities and cultural landmarks will enhance their comprehension and presentation skills.	
Assessments		Students will complete listening and reading comprehension tasks, testing their understanding of media, technology, and social issues. Writing assessments will focus on constructing detailed arguments and reflections on German cultural influences. Speaking exercises will encourage discussion of personal media habits and environmental concerns.	