



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 9<br>Term | Topic                                                                                                                                 | Knowledge and Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Useful Links                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Identity and Relationships with others</b></li><li>• <b>Free Time Activities</b></li></ul> | <p><b>Knowledge:</b></p> <p>Students will build their understanding of describing family relationships, friendships, and opinions on marriage and partnership. They will explore topics related to free time, hobbies, and going out. Key grammar topics include present and past tense formation, comparative and superlative structures, and using subordinate clauses.</p> <p><b>Skills:</b></p> | <p><a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr</a></p> <p><a href="https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german">https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.languagenut.com/">https://www.languagenut.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units">https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units</a></p> <p><a href="#">Learn German Language with Memrise</a></p> |



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|                    |                                                                                                                                       | Pupils will develop the ability to describe people and relationships in detail, express preferences, and engage in discussions about their hobbies and interests. They will refine their pronunciation and listening comprehension through conversational practice, while also learning to form well-structured written responses. | <a href="#">Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Assessments</b> |                                                                                                                                       | Students will complete listening, two speaking, reading, and two writing assessments. These will test their ability to describe relationships, discuss their free time, and use the past tense accurately in different contexts.                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Media and Technology</b></li> <li>• <b>Customs, Festivals and Celebrations</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Knowledge:</b></p> <p>This term introduces vocabulary and structures related to TV, music, film, mobile phones, and social media. Students will also explore traditional German festivals and celebrations. Grammar topics include the perfect tense, complex sentence formation, and the use of opinion-based language.</p> | <a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/</a><br><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr</a><br><a href="https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german">https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german</a><br><a href="https://www.languagenut.com/">https://www.languagenut.com/</a> |



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|                    |                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Skills:</b></p> <p>Students will practise giving detailed opinions on different media and cultural traditions. They will engage in structured conversations and role-play activities to improve their spoken fluency. Reading and listening tasks will help them recognise high-frequency words and key grammar patterns in authentic texts.</p> <p>.</p> | <p><a href="https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units">https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units</a></p> <p><a href="#">Learn German Language with Memrise</a></p> <p><a href="#">Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</a></p>                                                  |
| <b>Assessments</b> |                                                                                                                                | <p>Listening, speaking, and writing assessments will focus on students' ability to express opinions on media and festivals, narrate past events, and engage in structured conversations about cultural traditions.</p>                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>3</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education and Work</b></li><li>• <b>Environment and Where People Live</b></li></ul> | <p><b>Knowledge:</b></p> <p>Students will learn to discuss career aspirations, work experience, and their future plans using the conditional and compound tenses. They will also describe their home, town,</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p><a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-german-revision/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr</a></p> <p><a href="https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german">https://quizlet.com/gb/content/gcse-german</a></p> |



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|                   | <p>and region, discussing local amenities and advantages/disadvantages of different environments.</p> <p><b>Skills:</b></p> <p>Pupils will refine their ability to describe places and future aspirations using more complex sentence structures. They will develop confidence in expressing opinions on different locations and career paths, improving their ability to use prepositions and descriptive language effectively.</p> | <p><a href="https://www.languagenut.com/">https://www.languagenut.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units">https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/german-secondary-ks4-l/units</a></p> <p><a href="#">Learn German Language with Memrise</a></p> <p><a href="#">Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language</a></p> |
| <b>Assessment</b> | <p>Students will be assessed on speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These assessments will evaluate their ability to describe future plans, discuss their home and local area, and demonstrate their use of varied tenses in writing and speaking tasks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |