

## German

### **Year 7:**

In Year 7, students get the opportunity to immerse themselves into the language and culture of the German speaking world. No prior knowledge is required. They are introduced to a variety of descriptive situations, which gradually increase in complexity, raising awareness about word order and verb endings. Vocabulary is related to the following topics:

- Personal Descriptions: (name, age, family, home life)
- School: (favourite subjects, time table, uniform)
- Leisure: (hobbies, meeting friends, going out, favourite items)

All students will be expected to be at Level 4 in all four skill areas (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) at the end of the year, while some will be able to reach Level 5, which reflects knowledge about forming the future tense.

### **Year 8:**

In Year 8, students get the opportunity to immerse themselves further into the language and culture of the German speaking world. They are introduced to a number of new grammatical structures, including the formation of the past tense, as part of the following topics:

- Holidays: (describing a holiday in some detail)
- Health: (describing symptoms of illness, healthy eating, lifestyle)
- Leisure: (discussing free time, meeting friends, TV)

All students will be expected to be at Level 5 in all four skill areas (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) at the end of the year, while many will be able to reach Level 6, which reflects a fairly confident use of the past, present and future tenses.

### **Year 9 :**

This year, students will consolidate and further develop the formation of the present, past and future tenses, as well how to form more informed opinions. The course is aimed at preparing students for GCSE. Additional grammatical structures and concepts will be introduced as part of the following topics:

- media (TV, cinema, music, use of IT);
- school (subjects, facilities, rules, differences in German schools);
- future plans (university, jobs, importance of foreign languages).
- Germany and the world (cities and regions, environment, meeting people, tourism)