

# GERMAN

## Why should I study German?

German has the largest number of native speakers in the European Union and is among the ten most commonly spoken languages in the world. Germany's economy is one of the strongest in the world and it is at the forefront of global exports. It is therefore a fantastic language to learn in order to develop new business opportunities. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

## Bolingbroke is best for German because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are developing strong partnerships with international schools (for example PMG in Germany) to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

## What will I study?

What you will study will mirror the interests of young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging themes –

- *Gesellschaftliche Entwicklung in Deutschland;*
- *Politische und künstlerische Kultur im deutschen Sprachraum;*
- *Immigration und die deutsche multikulturelle Gesellschaft and*
- *Die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

## Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.

## What our students say

“German A-level at Bolingbroke Academy will mean enhancing my linguistic capabilities to further my opportunities. Learning German in a fun, supportive environment means that you develop a love and passion for German, as well as the lifelong transferable skill of learning a language.”

Class of 2019 student

