

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 9

Subject	German	Why do we study these units in Year 9?
Lessons per fortnight	5	Year 9 in German begins with Identity and Relationships with others and builds on prior learning in Years 7 and 8 by revisiting some of the same topics in order to deepen knowledge and increase linguistic and grammatical sophistication. Key themes are covered twice in Year 9 as this allows for interleaving of vocabulary and grammar and aids students in increasing their independent use and understanding of extended language in a wide range of contexts. Students in Year 9 study the topics family & relationships, home & local area, free time, holidays, school life and customs & festivals. These topics are revisited in Year 10 and 11 to ensure in depth coverage of all units of the AQA GCSE specification.
Setting	Mixed	

Students are encouraged to be Responsible Global Citizens through activities/content on...

UN sustainable development goal 16: promote peaceful and inclusive societies. Students look at relationships and alternative family models. (Theme 1 People and Lifestyle)

UN sustainable goal 4: quality education. Students discuss access to education and learning pathways. (Theme 1 Education and work)

UN sustainable goal 9: promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and UN sustainable goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Students look at infrastructure in their city and in

cities around the world. They discuss how we can make a city safe, sustainable and inclusive. (Theme 3 The environment and where people live)

UN sustainable goal 12: responsible consumption and production. Students discuss food and drink consumption and ways to reduce it. (Theme 2 Healthy living and lifestyle)

We ensure all students experience high challenge in the subject by including... differentiated resources, questioning and extension tasks in lessons to allow our students to stretch themselves. In addition to this we set differentiated flipped learning tasks on Microsoft Teams. We also foster independent enquiry by providing students access to online material such as Kerboodle , Seneca, and Blooket where they can carry out additional subject practice.

Literacy work this year includes... use of vocabulary tests to allow students to feel confident with key words and phrases when they come up throughout the unit. We encourage the use of full sentences in speaking and writing and focus on both formal and informal register. We also use sentence builders to encourage correct use of word order and these are labelled with key grammatical terms to aid students in their understanding of pronouns, verbs, adjectives, connectives etc. Termly literacy words and definitions are shared and recycled often in lessons.

Innovation and Creativity opportunities this year include... free writing and spontaneous speaking as well as studying foreign language films. Students are encouraged to present their work in a variety of ways.

Employability opportunities/skills covered this year are... collaborative working, the ability to work independently and self-identifying areas to improve on. Students also have the chance to develop communication skills as well as gaining an understanding of formal and informal register. We also have presentations from guest speakers about jobs and the importance of languages, job applications and comparisons of jobs in UK and abroad.

Term	Unit title	Knowledge and Understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
1	GCSE Theme 1: People and Lifestyle Unit 1.1: Identity and relationships with others	Family members Physical descriptions Characteristics Relationships Grammar Present tense of haben and sein Regular and irregular verbs in the present tense Using adjectives ein and kein in the accusative Separable verbs Word order with connectives	Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation. Getting to know word groups. Looking for clues when listening. Spotting similarities between German and English words. Understanding questions in German.	Vocabulary tests. Writing and translation into German/English.
2	GCSE Theme 3: Communication and the world around us Unit 9.2: The environment and where people live	Where you live Describing your home Describing rooms Daily routine Grammar Present tense of wohnen/leben Es gibt + accusative Word order: Verb inversion Prepositions with accusative and dative Adjective endings	Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation. Recognising cognates and near cognates. Using grammatical markers.	Vocabulary tests. Reading and translation into English.
3	GCSE Theme 2: Popular culture Unit 4.1: Free-time activities	Free time activities Sports Eating out Order food Grammar Verb as 2nd idea Using the imperfect tense	Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation. Recognising positive and negative opinions. Using formal and informal register.	Vocabulary tests. Listening and dictation

		<p>Saying what you like/would like to do Negatives with nicht and kein Using time expressions Forms of address Saying what you prefer</p>		
4	<p>GCSE Theme 1: People and Lifestyle Unit 3.1: Education and work.</p>	<p>School subjects and opinions Describing teachers Comparing school systems Future plans Grammar Gern and nicht gern Connectives and word order Adjectives Comparisons Future tense</p>	<p>Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation. Matching sounds to spelling patterns.</p>	<p>Vocabulary tests. Phonic listening and grammar gap-fill</p>
5	<p>GCSE Theme 3: Communication and the world around us Unit 7.1: Travel and Tourism, including places of interest</p>	<p>Weather Countries Describing a holiday Describing a past trip Grammar Using weather expressions Recognising the imperfect and present perfect tense Time-manner-place rule Prepositions with acc and dative</p>	<p>Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation.</p>	<p>Vocabulary tests. Writing and translation into German.</p>
6	<p>GCSE Theme 2: Popular culture Unit 5.1: Customs, festivals and celebrations Unit 6.2: Celebrity culture</p>	<p>Customs and festivals Birthdays and celebrations Christmas and Eid Celebrity culture Berlinale Film festival Grammar Word order with time phrases</p>	<p>Listening, dictation, speaking, reading, writing and translation.</p>	<p>Vocabulary tests.</p>

	<p>Qualifiers and quantifiers Subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions Question forming</p>	
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