

## German A Level

### Reading List/preparation ideas (Summer before yr.12)

- Buy the BBC grammar book and familiarise yourself with the tenses and other key grammar points including the basic word order rules. This will be a good reference throughout the course.
- Use the '**Languages online**' website to practise various grammar points (particularly present, perfect, imperfect and future tenses) until you feel confident using them.
- Listen to German in order to tune your ear into the language – watch **youtube** clips about topics you find interesting and watch **Tivi Logo**, the German equivalent of Newsround.
- The youtube channel called Easy German is a fantastic resource for all sorts of different topics, cultural awareness, attitudes of the Germans towards many different areas and plenty of historical interest.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNggIAoYqsYOtQ>
- Research the history of Berlin using books from the library or the Internet because this will arm you with plenty of knowledge to help with the film we study and the 'Berlin' topic we cover.
- Research some German, Austrian or Swiss bands and try to form an opinion about them. You could try '**Rammstein**' or '**Silbermond**'. Traditional German folk music might also be of interest.
- Find out a little bit about the main festivals and traditions in the German speaking countries...you could start with the '**Oktoberfest**' and move on to '**Karneval**' which is a big deal in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- Watch '**Goodbye Lenin**' – an excellent film looking at reunification from a different perspective.