

## Course Start



Course Start is independent learning you need to complete as a fundamental part of your introduction to the course. It should take you approximately 5 hours to complete.

Course Name:	<b>German A Level</b>
How this Course Start fits into the first term of the course:	German culture underpins the A Level curriculum. In our first term we will look at identity in Germany. Students will develop their research skills, ultimately preparing them for their individual research project, which comprises a large part of the final oral examination.
How will my Course Start learning be used in lessons?:	Completion of the Course Start is essential, as it forms an integral part of our first lesson together in September. It will be shared with other learners in our lesson and in your first conversation class. Your work will also be taken in and you will receive individual feedback from your teacher.
Course Start learning objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To explore Germany's rich history and culture</li><li>● To find out more detail about one famous German of your choice</li><li>● To present your information in written and spoken German</li></ul>
Study Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Research skills - using sources to find information on a topic/person</li><li>● Organisational skills - how to organise your research in a logical manner</li><li>● Presentational skills - how to present your findings to your peers and to your teachers</li></ul>

Our specification is: [Pearson Edexcel German A Level](#)

What this course involves

A typical week:

- 3 lessons per week – 4.5 hours
- 30 minutes conversation in small groups
- 4 hours of homework
- Students are also encouraged to watch films in German, listen to podcasts/music and read as much as possible.

Type of activities

You will work and develop all 4 language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Listening: you will work with original recordings and answer questions in both English and German.

Reading: you will read a wide variety of texts, from blogs to interviews.

Writing: you will write short and long essays on a variety of topics.

Speaking: you will take part and engage in class discussions and debates as well as role plays.

Conversation classes:

In small groups with our language assistant, Sue.

- Focus on fluency
- Grammar support
- Exam preparation

Willkommen bei A Level Deutsch!

Hallo!

Here is what I would like you to do in preparation for our first lesson together at Varndean. You should spend approximately five hours on this. Please bring a printed copy of your work with you in September.

Viel Erfolg und bis bald!

1. Forschung:

Explore some famous Germans and collate some information on one famous German of your choice. Germany has a rich and varied history. It has produced some of the world's most celebrated philosophers, athletes, politicians and many more. Choose one famous German from this research and record information such as: Date of Birth, birthplace, what are they famous for, their influence of Germany and the wider world, any other interesting information you uncover which you believe is interesting or relevant.

2. Präsentation:

Use the information you have researched in the first activity and prepare a short (3 minute maximum) presentation on your famous person's contributions to German culture and history as well as their impact on the wider world. Your presentation must be in German. You will share your presentation in your first German conversation session in September. You are welcome to include pictures, short videos and even a list of any new words that you have found whilst researching your famous person. This could be as a poster, google slides/PowerPoint, google doc., or another creative way you choose to present the Information.

### 3. Wer bin ich:

Write a short biography using the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular form (er/sie). Write a maximum of 150 words. An example can be found below. The grammar activity (task 4) will also help you. If you don't use he/she pronouns and don't want to use these in German, you can write your name to avoid using pronouns.

*Name* arbeitet hier bei Varndean als Deutschlehrer/in und hat während seines/ihrer Studiums in Deutschland gelebt, aber er/sie kommt eigentlich aus Brighton, England. In seiner/ihrer Freizeit spielt er/sie gerne Golf und schaut er/sie gerne Fußball an, aber er/sie versucht, jede Woche auch zu lesen...

### 4. Grammatik:

Grammar underpins language and is key to making progress in German. Revise the grammar points below which you will have previously studied. Read the information on each page going through the contents page on the left-hand side. Afterwards test yourself using the 'Test' function above the contents page. Make notes on new or forgotten information which you can revisit later.

Present tense: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zy3qxsq/revision/1>

Perfect tense: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztfd7hv/revision/1>

Future tense: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zw23cwq/revision/1>

Modal verbs: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgkhfrd/revision/1>

Word order: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9jfbk7/revision/1>

Nouns: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2h4dmn/revision/1>

Pronouns: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9qyg82/revision/1>

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