

GERMAN

HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM STUDYING GERMAN?

Languages are the key to the world. They not only help you with international travel, but are an invaluable asset when applying for jobs later. Employers look for workers who have many skills and who have shown that they can adapt to different environments. The study of languages has also been shown to increase academic success in other fields, as it develops memory and verbal skills in general.

Every two years, in June/July, Hillbrook takes a group of students studying German to our partner school, Ricarda-Huch-Schule Gymnasium, located just outside Frankfurt, for a three-week exchange. Students spend two weeks staying with a host family and attending school. During this time, we also arrange school-based excursions to interesting landmarks. The remainder of the trip is spent travelling around Germany. Later in the exchange year, in October, our German exchange partners visit us at Hillbrook and join in with school life here.

Learning a language gives you so much more than language skills; it develops intellect, enhances employment prospects, creates friendships with, and knowledge of, another culture and people. You will have regular access to online listening and reading websites to support your learning. A range of listening and interactive language learning tasks, such as Education Perfect, are posted online@Hillbrook during each unit studied.

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS IN YEAR 8?

In Year 8 there is an emphasis on useful and functional language, focusing on the students themselves.

Focus areas include:

- Who am I?
- Pets
- School
- Clothes
- Hobbies
- Food
- Families
- Celebrations

WHAT IS THE ASSESSMENT?

- The four macro-skills of German (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) are assessed in test form
- Comprehension (listening and reading) is tested at least once per semester
- Conveying meaning (speaking and writing) is also tested at least once per semester