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Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September

## German – A Level

Good activities to keep your German language skills going over the break:

### Activity

- Listen to foreign radio stations, which can be accessed via the internet. Download podcasts so you can listen several times through. The radio station Deutsche Welle offers excellent German language learning resources: <https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469>
- Go over any grammar notes you have. Good websites include:  
<http://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/gr/index.html>  
<http://www.quia.com/pages/germangrammar.html>  
<http://www.deutschakademie.de/online-deutschkurs/english/choosetopic.php>
- Revise and learn as much vocabulary as you can. Many of you probably already use <http://www.memrise.com/> or try <http://www.languageguide.org>
- Practise speaking German with other German speakers you know, especially native speakers, via social media

### Read

Read as much in German as possible. Don't expect to understand everything but practise guessing from the context, even just titles and headlines. You can buy magazines or look online, e.g. <https://www.jetzt.de/>.

### Watch

Watch German TV, especially programmes designed for young people: LOGO is an excellent TV / online news programme aimed at younger viewers:  
<http://www.tivi.de/fernsehen/logo/start/index.html>.

You could also try a recent light-hearted TV series about Germany, Deutschland-Saga:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3yXfF68RHg>.

**We look forward to seeing you in September!**

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