

GETTING AHEAD



ALTON

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

German – A Level

We are very pleased that you have opted to study German at HSDC Alton in September. The following activities will help you keep your language skills going over the summer break.

Make sure to bring these completed tasks with you in September so we can talk about them in your first lesson.

Activity 1

Revise German grammar, especially verbs in the present tense. 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 vocabulary for family relationships. Good websites include:

<http://www.memrise.com/>

<https://www.languageguide.org/german/vocabulary/>

<https://quizlet.com/gb/topic/languages/german/>

Write a text in German describing your family and how you get on with different family members.

Activity 2

Research something that interests you relating to a German speaking country from one of the following topic areas and use any format you like to present it in German - as a fact file, powerpoint presentation, poster etc.

- Food
- Festivals or traditions
- Geography
- Music or Media

Activity 3

Buy the A Level course books now, look through them and bring them to the first lesson.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

For further information about your College and being a student at HSDC, please visit hfdc.ac.uk/Alton

AQA A-level German, by Amy Bates, Louise Fenner, Helen Kent, Paul Stocker, Hodder Education. ISBN 9781471858024 (covers 2 years)

AQA German Grammar & Translation Workbook (AS/A Level), by Dagmar Sauer, Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0-19-841554-1 (covers 2 years)

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/>.

Wolfgang Herrndorf *Tschick* (ISBN 978-3-499-25635-6) is an award winning "Jugendbuch", a novel written for young people - an ideal read for the summer holidays!

Listen

Listen to German 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/learngerman/s-2469>

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>

Did You Know?

German is the most widely spoken first language in the European Union and studying it at an advanced level opens opportunities in many careers such as Business and Finance, Marketing, Media, Teaching, Translation or Travel and Tourism.

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