



# GERMAN

## Read

- 'Germany – Memories of a nation' (Dr Neil MacGregor). Book to accompany Podcast (see below).
- Other Max Frisch plays such as 'Biedermann und die Brandstifter'.
- Do some background reading on the [Epic Theatre movement](#).
- Read the 'Drehbuch to GoodBye Lenin!'
- [Facts about Germany](#) available in both German and English. Good for background research.
- 'Hammer's German Grammar and Usage' by Martin Durrell – the definitive guide for learners of German.

## Watch

- BBC Documentary – [make me a German](#). A look at the everyday lives of Germans.
- The Lives of Others (das Leben der Anderen). Film about a Stasi agent. Copy to borrow available from MFL department.
- Balloon – based on the true story of an escape from the GDR
- [Deutschland 83](#) / [Deutschland 86](#) / [Deutschland 89](#) – All 4. Fictional series about an East German spy. Three seasons.
- [The Same Sky](#) – All 4. Fictional look at life in the GDR.
- [Walled in](#) – animated short film about the inner German border.
- [ARD Mediathek](#) – an online library of TV programmes shown on ARD. This is similar to iPlayer.

## Websites

- Try to read, watch and listen to the news in German on a regular basis. Good sites include [Deutsche Welle](#), [NTV](#), and [Tagesschau](#).
- Online papers
- [Kindernetz](#) – news aimed at children which means it is easier to understand.
- [Nancy Thuleen](#) grammar exercises

## Subscriptions

**Remember that if you have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary, Thirsk Sixth Form College can support you with academic subscriptions**

- [Netflix](#) has plenty of German language series and films. Put on the subtitles and you will soon pick up lots of German. You can also change the language to German of many familiar programmes.
- [Readly](#) gives access to many newspapers and magazines in German, English and other languages. There is an app to download and a free trial available. Well worth a look.

## Listen

- [Slowly spoken news](#) – by Deutsche Welle.
- [Germany – Memories of a nation](#) podcast. 30 short podcasts looking at 600 years of German history.
- [Radio Garden](#) – amazing website which allows you to listen to radio stations from around the world by clicking on an interactive map
- [The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle](#) – story of the attempt to rescue East Germany's Stasi files

## Visit

- Goethe Institut promotes the German language. It has a centre based in London which you can visit.
- Try to get to Germany if at all possible.

## Courses

- Open Learning – [Advanced German: Language, Culture and History](#)
- Open Learning – [Advanced German: Regional Landscapes](#)

## Competitions

- The University of Oxford run annual competitions in French, German, and Spanish: [Language Competitions | Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)  
Competitions include the **German Classic Essay Prize** and **German Olympiad**

## Apps

## Work experience ideas

- [Duolingo](#) – a good way to build vocab. Use daily to keep up your streak.
- [Quizlet](#) – the A level lists on are there. Flashcards and games.
- [Memrise](#) – A level course lists.

- Arrange a visit to our partner school in Nettetal
- Apply for the Goethe Institut Schwäbisch Hall work experience placement