**GCSE German: Curriculum Intent**

At Codsall High School we aim to develop confident pupils with a broader outlook on the world. Pupils get the opportunity to work with authentic sources and appreciate a range of written and spoken work, including literary texts, which encourages an awareness of the culture and identity of countries and communities where German is spoken. The study of German will deepen the knowledge of how language works and will also prepare pupils for the immediate use of German, as well as for future study in school, college, university or employment.

These aims will be realised through all students studying the full programme of study for GCSE German (AQA)

In addition, the extra time available during Key Stage 4 will be used to go beyond the course requirements to:

* Develop strong foundations for knowledge in Year 9 where they will acquire the vocabulary, grammar and understanding needed for the course and build the communication skills needed for future study and to develop a sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them.
* Pupils who take German in Year 9 start this language as beginners. They apply the transferable skills they have developed in KS2 and KS3 when learning another language to rapidly make progress in German. We observe patterns in languages and common strands of learning, such as verb construction and adjectival agreement. The first part of the course is dedicated to developing a passion for the subject, but very quickly, pupils are expected to make sustained progress with challenging vocabulary and grammar.
* Enhance, enrich and enjoy learning in Year 10 by using time to study the key areas of knowledge in depth, connect different areas of study together, including developing a wide range of sophisticated and complex structures and vocabulary. Throughout their study, pupils will develop their interest in exploring, understanding of, and respect for cultural diversity and the extent to which they understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity, as shown by their attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.
* Get ready for next steps in Year 11 by focusing on the knowledge needed to secure high grades and also the key knowledge needed to study A Level German and for use in later life.

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|  | **Autumn** | **Spring** | **Summer** |
| Year 9 | **Introductions**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate about themselves, friends and family, including where they live and what they do in their free-time  **Education**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate about what they study at school, their timetable, their school, differences between German speaking and British schools, rules and going on a school exchange. They will also revisit and reinforce and extend use of grammar, with a particular focus on present and perfect tenses. | **Personal Relationships**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate about a range of different relationships – friendship and families, marriage and partnership, freetime activities and talking about life when they were younger (reinforcing present and perfect tenses, as well as introducing the imperfect tense) | **Freetime and Celebrations**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate about what they do in their free time – music, leisure activities, sport, using the internet or technology, reading, film and tv. They will also revisit and reinforce and extend use of grammar, developing a range of ways of talking about the future. |
| Year 10 | **House and Home**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate in order to describe houses and homes, including a typical day, healthy lifestyles (including food, exercise and use of social media and technology). Pupils will develop complex opinions and link this to the perfect tense. | **Holidays – German Speaking City**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate present tense holiday activities, including booking accommodation and transport. Pupils will learn to deal with a range of situations, including finding directions, ordering food and shopping for souvenirs, as well as dealing with problems. | **Holidays and Home**  Pupils will develop ability to understand and communicate about holidays and home, including the weather and activities, as well as describing places. Pupils will revisit a range of tenses to talk about where they normally visit, places they have visited and places they would like to go. More complex structures will be added to pupils’ range of language skills, including the pluperfect tense and imperfect modals. |
| Year 11 | **Future Careers**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate descriptions of a range of jobs, including personal future plans as well as previous work experiences | **Wider World**  Pupils will learn how to understand and communicate regarding problems facing the world and how we can solve these issues | **GCSE Exams**  Review of all topics and preparation for all 4 skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing) |