Why study this subject?
If you have a love of languages or travel and have studied German successfully at GCSE then this is the course for you. It will open doors to university courses and give you the opportunity to study abroad whether you do a pure language course, dual honours or other academic subject at university. Graduates with languages degrees are highly sought after and often have an advantage when it comes to recruitment.

What happens in lessons?
Most of your lessons will take place in our sixth form languages study room. You’ll enjoy more time to practise and perfect your spoken German and accent, to converse and debate with others. You will also develop your vocabulary and use it to translate more complex texts into German/English. There will be time to revisit and build on grammar that you studied in Years 10 and 11. You’ll spend time on the computers for listening activities and may have time with our German language assistant either by yourself or with a small group of others students to work on spoken fluency and any aspects of grammar you are finding challenging.

Course Assessment
The course is assessed either at the end of the first year or at the end of the second year with 3 papers testing the following skills:
- Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Translation into target language.
- Paper 2: Writing consisting of two essays, one on the film studied and another on the set text.
- Paper 3: Speaking, a photo card, independent research project and discussion.

Please discuss with your teacher if you want to pursue AS. The exams are slightly different.

What to do afterwards
An A Level in German is an asset in your portfolio for your application to study many subjects at degree level. Many students choose to combine a language that they have already studied with a new language ab initio e.g. Italian, Portuguese or Japanese. A dual honours course combining a language with another subject is also popular. Your A Level language will enable you to work or study abroad in the future or, if you choose to, travel abroad after your A Levels.

Reading around the subject
It would be useful to have watched/read a selection of the films and books listed below to give you an idea of what you would like to study for the film/literature part of the course. It will help you develop your listening and reading skills and broaden your vocabulary.
- Films: Goodbye Lenin; Das Leben der Anderen; Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei; Almanya; Sophie Scholl; Lola rennt
- Books: Der Vorleser – Bernhard Schlink; Die Verwandlung – Kafka; Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder – Brecht

Also it’s a good idea to find opportunities to travel to Germany or German-speaking countries. You may like to go on the Berlin trip which complements History as a subject choice, or arrange work experience abroad in our partner town of Eichstätt.

Entry Requirements:
Grade 6 in German GCSE