

## **German**

### **Why should I study German?**

- It has the largest number of native speakers in the European Union.
- It is one of the most common spoken languages worldwide.
- German and English are similar in a number of ways e.g. Name= name, Mutter=mother, Haus= house.
- Germany is the world's second largest exporter.
- Germany is also home to international corporations.
- There are a lot of job opportunities available when you study the German language.
- Students can take part in German exchanges to improve their oral proficiency and confidence.
- German companies are one of the most well known industries. Some of these companies are Volkswagen, BMW, Audi, Aldi, Lidl. •A modern foreign language is also a requirement for some 3rd level institutions.

### **How will I Learn it?**

- A variety of different methodologies. Some of these include pair work, group work, self-assessment, peer assessment, oral work, listening skills.
- Some topics studied include self, school, hobbies, clothes, holidays and environment.
- Differentiated materials are distributed to cater for all students' abilities.
- Independent learning is encouraged. Each student has an individual CD providing the opportunity to work on listening tasks at home. •Work completed in class can be posted online to ensure students who are absent don't miss out.

### **How will I benefit from studying German?**

**The skills you learn while studying German** can be applied to other languages which may be studied such as Irish/French.

- Experience the culture through the use of different techniques used throughout lessons.
- Students' confidence grows when speaking the language in front of their peers.
- Listening and oral skills improve as listening is an element of both Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle and the oral component signifies for a large part of the Leaving Certificate exam.

### **How will it be assessed?**

**Continuous Assessment throughout the year** as well as end of Chapter tests.

- CBAs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd years. This is where the student works on different items to do with the German language e.g., role play ordering food in a restaurant.



## **What about Senior Cycle?**

**Transition year is a great opportunity** to improve language skills and oral communication. It provides an opportunity to revise all aspects of Junior Cycle, while broadening their knowledge of the German language to provide a solid foundation for the leaving certificate.

### **In Senior Cycle you will continue:**

- Developing communicative confidence, proficiency in the language and aural competence and improving productive written and oral skills.
- Developing revision and exam techniques in preparation for state exams and skills for independent language learning.
- Studying topics related to family and relationships, school in Germany, hobbies, work and plans for the future, environment, poverty, young people and their role in society.