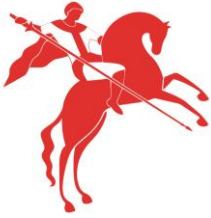


GCSE German AQA Exams Summer 2026



Exam Overview Each component is worth 25% of the total grade.

- Speaking starts 27th April
- Listening – 7 May 2026 PM
- Reading – 7 May 2026 PM
- Writing – 14 May 2026 PM

What Each Exam Contains

• **Listening:** dialogues & passages

- Understanding **main points** in spoken German
- Identifying **key details and specific information**
- Recognising **opinions, attitudes and emotions**
- Demonstrating **gist understanding** (overall meaning)
- Interpreting **longer and more complex extracts**
- Responding to **a variety of question types** (multiple-choice, matching, true/false, short written answers)
- Using **context and inference** to work out meaning of unknown language

• **Reading:** articles, adverts

- Understanding **main points** in written German texts
- Identifying **key details and specific information**
- Recognising **opinions, attitudes and emotions** in written language
- Interpreting **longer and more complex texts** across all GCSE themes
- Using **inference and deduction** to work out meaning
- Responding to **a range of question types** (multiple-choice, matching, gap-fill, short written answers)
- Translating **sentences/short paragraphs from German into English**

• **Writing:** photo desc., short & long writing

- Writing **short communicated messages** (Foundation only)
- Producing **shorter written responses** using familiar language
- Producing **extended writing** on given topics (bullet-pointed task)
- Expressing **opinions, justifications and descriptions** clearly
- Using a **range of vocabulary and structures** appropriate to the task
- Using **time frames** (past, present, future) accurately
- Translating **English into German** accurately
- Organising writing with **clarity and coherence**
- Demonstrating **accuracy, variety and creativity** in language use

Speaking

- Role-play: responding to short prompts in German
- Photo card: describing a picture and answering simple questions
- General conversation: talking about topics you've studied

Topics Assessed

- Theme 1: People and lifestyle
- Theme 2: Popular culture
- Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

Revision Resources

Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/stgeorgesacademy/german-gcse-year-11-cf3sb9zt5uravnfp>

Past Papers:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/german/gcse/german-8662>

BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy2jy4j>