

I hope you are well and settling into a routine. I think these next few weeks/months are a great opportunity for you to get a head start on your A-Level prep. Not doing anything for possibly 6 months would not be a good idea in a language. Here are some ideas:

It would be a good idea to keep up with political developments in Germany. At A-Level, what a lot of students lack is knowledge of current affairs. So watch the news, read online newspapers (also in English) and discuss current affairs at home. I attach a sheet for you: Take one article in German every week, read it, complete the attached sheet and email to me on Fridays (starting next week). No need to write an essay, bullet points are fine! You could read papers such as Die Zeit, Der Spiegel, Die Welt. A very good resource is Deutsche Welle. There is a section for learners of German catering to different levels. <https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469> Start on level B1/B2 and see how it goes!

Please work through your GCSE Grammar and translation booklet. Grammar is something you can easily do and it will be highly beneficial in the long run. I have saved all answers here: Departments/Modern Languages/ Home Learning 2020/German/'Year 12 German 2020/2021'
If you have any questions, please email me, I am happy to help.

GCSE book pages 172/173 – this is about volunteering, which is also an A-Level topic, so going over these pages and the vocab would be a good idea. The grammar point introduced here is the passive. For now you only need to recognise it, but at A – Level you will be required to use it (we will of course cover it). Careful here, it is formed using werden + past participle! Not to be confused with the tenses!

If you want some literature, here is the list of texts and films studied at A-Level. We will study the film in Year 12 (so far this has been done in the Boys School and it was *Almanya*). I will study 'Der Besuch der Alten Dame' with you in Year 13. However, I would not recommend you read this now, as there will be plenty of time over the summer 2021/2022. Instead, read something by the same author if you want to, Friedrich Dürrenmatt, 'Der Richter und sein Henker' is on Amazon kindle. I would say pick something that is of interest to you and read just for pleasure! Use a dictionary, but don't look up every single word. If you can follow the plot, that's great. It might be difficult to get hold of books right now, but you might be able to download something from Amazon onto an e-reader. It really doesn't matter what you read, it can be a crime novel if you want. Ferdinand von Schirach is very good. If you can find one, then a bilingual book is also a good idea. I just saw Franz Kafka 'Die Verwandlung/Metamorphosis' on Amazon. Kafka is very good too, I studied him at University, a staple in German literature.

3.4.1 Literary texts and films

Students must study **either** one text and one film **or** two texts from the list below. Abridged versions should not be used.

3.4.1.1 Texts

- Heinrich Böll *Die verlorene Ehre der Katharina Blum*
- Bertolt Brecht *Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder*
- Friedrich Dürrenmatt *Der Besuch der alten Dame*
- Max Frisch *Andorra*
- Heinrich Heine *Gedichte – Buch der Lieder*
- Jana Hensel *Zonenkinder*
- Franz Kafka *Die Verwandlung*
- Wladimir Kaminer *Russendisko*
- Siegfried Lenz *Fundbüro*
- Bernhard Schlink *Der Vorleser*

3.4.1.2 Films

- *Good bye, Lenin!* Wolfgang Becker (2003)
- *Das Leben der Anderen* Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (2006)
- *Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei* Hans Weingartner (2005)
- *Almanya – Willkommen in Deutschland* Yasemin Samdereli (2011)
- *Sophie Scholl – Die letzten Tage* Marc Rothemund (2005)
- *Lola rennt* Tom Tykwer (1998)

And for some fun, here are some suggestions from my family in Germany, apparently this is what people are watching right now:

Filme: Schiller (mit Matthias Schweighöfer), Goethe, Fack yu Göhte (1-3)

Netflix Serien: Isi&Ossi, Bad Banks, Charité

Viel Spaß, schickt eine Email wenn ihr Hilfe braucht!