

## Year 8

### MODERN LANGUAGES: GERMAN

#### Curriculum Content

##### *Topics covered:*

- An introduction to German speaking countries (Germany/Switzerland/Austria)
- Classroom vocabulary
- Introductions
- Family, pets, descriptions
- School
- House and home
- Food and drink
- Shopping for food and clothes
- Leisure activities
- Describing your town
- Travel and transport
- Holidays and festivals in German-speaking countries

#### Knowledge, skills and understanding

##### *Skills*

- Listening for gist and detail to the classroom teacher or recordings/film of native speakers
- Reading for gist and detail
- Writing short passages, emails, posters.
- Speaking: in pairs, groups or giving short individual presentations, performing a sketch
- ICT: eg. Using the internet for research, preparing power point presentations, practising grammar, using digitised recordings, as a means of enjoying the language and reinforcing topics.
- Development of independent learning.

##### *Grammar*

- Nouns and pronouns, gender
- Adjectives
- Prepositions
- Case: nominative, accusative and dative
- Present tense of weak and strong verbs

- Perfect tense of weak and strong verbs
- Word order

## **Assessment opportunities**

### *Assessment*

- Homework is an appropriate follow-up task which could be written or oral.
- Self and peer assessment.
- Regular short tests on vocabulary and grammar.
- Unit tests.
- At the end of the year there is a final examination in all skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing.