

# SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

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To get a real insight into studying German at Newman, we asked one of our Year 13 students, Khadijah Hafeji all about her experiences of A-Level German.

## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GERMAN AT NEWMAN?

I chose German because I thoroughly enjoyed it in High School and I didn't want to forget the German I'd learnt!

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT STUDYING GERMAN?

The problem-solving aspect of learning a language is my favourite part, but it's also really exciting when you start speaking and realise that you can actually say a lot more in the language than you thought.

## WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GERMAN AT NEWMAN?

The other subjects that I do are sciences and maths, so German is a welcome break from those subjects! German at A-Level is a lot different to German GCSE and my favourite thing is probably the greater emphasis on culture and media. The topics we concentrate on are a lot more interesting and relevant than those at GCSE.

## WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN THE FUTURE?

If I get the grades, I hope to be studying Physics at Oxford. Ideally, I'll continue using German through societies and other social means. I don't have any plans to move to a German-speaking country any time soon but I'm intending to, at the very least, continue using German through books and films.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE GERMAN PHRASE AND WHY?

The amount of compound nouns in German is astonishing – for example, 'Handschuh' (literally hand shoe) meaning glove and 'Kühlschrank' (literally cool cupboard) meaning refrigerator. My favourite German word is one that has already been adopted into the English language; wanderlust – a word that has to be adopted since there is no English equivalent.

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