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Dear student,

I hope you enjoy your summer holidays and some well-earned fun and relaxation. Over the course of the next few weeks, it is time to start getting ready for your new courses you have chosen at A-level. To help you start the year feeling confident and to give you a valuable head start, I would like you to complete some of the work attached to help you with the transition from GCSE to A-level German. Ideally, you would spend one hour per week on any (but not necessarily all!) of the following tasks.

The folder contains the following resources:

1. German grammar areas to revise: Use www.languagesonline.org.uk for this
2. Book extracts reading comprehension
3. Word order practice
4. Present tense revision booklet
5. Question words practice
6. Speedy German writing revision

Answer keys are provided for the majority of the tasks.

Please bring the work you have completed to your first lesson in September. Remember, there is no requirement to do all of them.

In addition or instead of some of the above, I would also like to suggest some further websites to work on reading and listening skills and deepening your grammatical awareness.

Examples of what you could do with some of these websites could include:

- reading or listening to an article and making a list of new vocabulary
- summarising an article / text in English
- translating a text into English

News in slow German <http://www.dw.com/de/26112012-langsam-gesprochene-nachrichten/a-16405133>

Children's news <http://neuneinhalb.wdr.de/nachrichten/index.php5>

Languages online <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm>

Make a Memrise account to practise vocabulary <https://www.memrise.com/>

Browse Quizlet for pre-made sets of German vocab and test yourself
<https://quizlet.com/>

German TV <https://www.ardmediathek.de/>

German news <https://www.tagesschau.de/>

Austrian TV <https://tvthek.orf.at/>

Deutsche Welle videos and articles to learn German <https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469>

Grimm Grammar <https://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/>

On the school website you will find videos from our former students talking about the A-level course – please go to the 6th form Open Evening site and you can find a video of Keir talking about his experiences of A-level German.

I hope this will give you a good head start so that you start your A-level course in German in September feeling tuned in and confident. I look forward to seeing you in September, enjoy the summer!

Best regards

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