

INFORMATION ON GERMAN WITH A SECOND LANGUAGE AND IN JOINT SCHOOLS

LANGUAGE PAPERS

Books required:

Martin Durrell, *Hammer's German Grammar and Usage* (7th edition; Routledge)

Martin Durrell, Katrin Kohl, Claudia Kaiser, *Practising German Grammar* (4th edition; Routledge)

Thematischer Basiswortschatz, Klett Verlag 2016. ISBN 978-3125195073.

Collins German Dictionary (Complete and Unabridged). Current edition.

LITERATURE FOR THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

You will be studying literature from classical modernism and contemporary literature for two papers in your first year: Paper III and Paper IV. Four short works of prose, four plays and a range of poetry have been prescribed for close study:

PAPER III

Drama (to be studied in Michaelmas Term)

Frank Wedekind, *Frühlings Erwachen* (1891) [Stuttgart: Reclam, 1991. ISBN 3150079519]

Bertolt Brecht, *Der gute Mensch von Sezuan* (1943) [Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 2024 (BasisBibliothek 25). ISBN: 978-3-518-18825-5]

Thomas Bernhard, *Heldenplatz* (1988) [Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 2023 [1995]. ISBN:3518389742]

Dea Loher, *Unschuld* (2003) [Stuttgart: Reclam 2022. ISBN: 3150142059]

Poetry (to be studied throughout the year)

The prescribed poems below can be found in *Deutsche Gedichte 1500 Gedichte von den Anfängen bis zur Gegenwart*, edited by Hans-Joachim Simm (Frankfurt am Main: Insel 2009) ISBN 3458174400.

Der von Kürenberg: Ich zôch mir einen valken (28)

Walther von der Vogelweide: Ich saz ûf eime steine (73)

Wolfram von Eschenbach: Sîne klâwen (85-6)

Fleming: An Sich (232)

Gryphius: Thränen des Vaterlandes (236)

Greiffenberg: Auf meinen bestürmeten Lebens-Lauff (285)

Goethe: Erlkönig (430)

Goethe: Römische Elegien VI (435)

Hölderlin: Hälfte des Lebens (536)
Hölderlin: Andenken (537)
Müller: Der Lindenbaum (603)
Eichendorff: Lockung (622)
Droste-Hülshoff: Die tote Lerche (656)
Heine: Sie saßen und tranken am Teetisch (668)
Heine: Gedächtnisfeier (677)
Mörke: Auf eine Lampe (706)
Meyer: Der römische Brunnen (784)
George: Wir schreiten auf und ab (815)
Hofmannsthal: Ballade des äußeren Lebens (818)
Rilke: Archaischer Torso Apollos (835)
Rilke: O dieses ist das Tier, das es nicht giebt (842)
Lasker-Schüler: Ein alter Tibetteppich (853)
Stramm: Patrouille (863)
Trakl: Grodek (873)
Benn: Kann keine Trauer sein (948)
Brecht: Schlechte Zeit für Lyrik (995)
Celan: Sprachgitter (1066)
Bachmann: Böhmen liegt am Meer (1075)
Mayröcker: nachdenken über Zeitläufte, (1099)
Kling: falknerie (1314)

PAPER IV

Prose and Film (to be studied in Hilary Term)

Theodor Fontane, *Irrungen, Wirrungen* (1888) [Stuttgart: Reclam XL, 2021. ISBN 3150161215]

Franz Kafka, *Die Verwandlung* (1912/1915) [Stuttgart: Reclam XL, 2021. ISBN 3150161096]

Elfriede Jelinek, *Die Liebhaberinnen* (1975) [Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch, current edition. ISBN 978-3499124679]

Fatih Akin (dir.), *Aus dem Nichts* (2017) [Warner Home Video, 2018]

In your first term, we shall start work on the drama texts and some poetry, followed by the prose and more poems in the subsequent term. Please make sure you have read the drama books by October (and if you can manage the prose too so much the better). There is not much time during term and you must come prepared. If you manage to read anything else from this period, or indeed from any period of German literature, that would be a bonus. If you have difficulty obtaining any of the texts, you will find that the following bookshop can supply them relatively easily though: Blackwell's Bookshop, 48-51 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BQ Tel. 01865 / 792792. If you are interested in buying second-hand, the best German-language source is the Zentralverzeichnis Antiquarischer Bücher: <https://www.zvab.com/>