



**What kind of topics will I be studying?**

There are FOUR sections which consist of two topics each:

**1. Lifestyle**

Health- *healthy and unhealthy lifestyles and their consequences*

**Relationships and Choices** - *family & friends, future plans, marriage*

**2. Leisure**

**Free time and Media** - *free time activities, shopping, money, fashion*

**Holidays** - *plans, preferences, experiences, what to see, getting around*

**3. Home and Environment**

**Home & local area** - *special occasions, home, town, region & neighbourhood*

**Environment** - *current problems, being environmentally friendly*

**4. Work and Education**

**School & college future plans** - *what school is like, pressures & problems*

**Current & future jobs** - *looking for & getting a job, advantages/disadvantages*



**What kind of course material will I have access to?**

-The Nelson Thomes GCSE AQA textbooks are used to teach the course along with [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) for which students have their own login.

-Vocabulary learning is a vital part of language learning and will be tested weekly in classroom lessons throughout the GCSE course and all students are encouraged to purchase a *CGP Vocabulary Book and DVD Rom Vocabulary Tester* which will enable them to hear pronunciation of every word tested in class and create audio files on an MP3 player or iPod which will be perfect for revising vocabulary anywhere. In addition the *CGP Revision and Practice Workbook with CD* is also available to students.

-It is also recommended that pupils purchase their own small *GCSE German Dictionary*.

**How is the course assessed?**

**Unit 1 Listening =20% of the final marks**

Foundation Level=30 mins Higher Level=40 mins

You will get to read through the paper 5 mins before the exam starts.

Each item will be heard twice & you can make notes at any point during the test.

You will need to understand discussions on a number of topics studied during the two years.

You will need to understand gist and detail, be able to draw conclusions and summarise what you have heard.

**Unit 2 Reading = 20% of the final marks**

Foundation Level=30 mins Higher Level=50 mins

*You will have to understand: instructions, public notices and advertisements together with some longer extracts from brochures, guides, letters, newspapers, magazines, books, faxes, email and web sites.*

*These will include reference to past, present and future events.*

**Unit 3 Speaking =30% of the final marks**

*You will complete two speaking controlled assessment tasks where you will be recorded in conversation by your teacher. These will be assessed internally.*

**Unit 4 Writing = 30% of the final marks**

*You will complete at least two controlled assessment pieces on topics you have studied in class.*

*These will be assessed externally.*