**Film Review**

Watch one of the following films. They are all films that are on the AQA exam list of films that you can study for A level German. *Either watch it on Netflix/Amazon Prime (for a small fee) or borrow one of them (from reception)*

**Goodbye Lenin/Sophie Scholl/Die fetten Jahren sind vorbei (The Edukators)/ Lola Rennt/Die Welle (The Wave)**

Watch the film in German with English subtitles. Watch the film in its entirety but bear in mind the points below to help you write a comprehensive film review. Write approximately 500 words.

**In English** write a film review trying to make reference to the following points:

* character (names and roles in the film, opinions on the characters)
* themes (love, suspicion)
* plot (main events)
* structure (how the story is sequenced)
* your opinion (would you recommend it/how does it make you feel?)
other films by the same director

**Grammar revision**

By the beginning of year 12 it would be good for you to start the course feeling confident on the following grammar points: regular present tense and irregular present tense of common verbs (sehen/fahren/essen/lesen/tragen/treffen), the perfect tense with haben/sein, the future and conditional tense, word order (verb second idea/TMP/verb to the end after subordinating conjunctions (weil, dass, obwohl etc.)

Use the following website to help you practise: <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>

To understand any of the grammar points in more depth or to have a clearer explanation, you could watch a YouTube video clip. These are often useful because of the use of animation and repetition of the learning point.

**In German**, write a diary first of all introducing yourself, saying what things you like/dislike, what things are important to you and what you like to do in your free-time. To show that you can write in the future tense, talk about what you will do/would like to do/hope to do over the summer break and then finally include a paragraph about what you have done in the holidays (in the past tense). If you have old exercise books, it would be good to refer to those to help you write as accurately as you can.

Here are a few websites that we use a lot at A Level to find interesting articles/videos/grammar explanations that would be good for you to look at.

<https://www.easygerman.org/>

A massive selection of short German clips, interviewing people on the street in Berlin on a range of topics – with subtitles in English and German – we love this.

[www.slowgerman.com](http://www.slowgerman.com)

This is a website that has a lot of sound clips based on everything to do with German culture. Each sound clip is spoken at a reasonable speed and you can read the script as you listen.

<http://www.nthuleen.com/>

Nancy Thuleen is an American German college teacher and she has a website offering lots of help with German grammar amongst other things. There are grammar explanations, exercises and answer sheets.

<https://www.blinde-kuh.de/index.html>

This is a search engine that German kids use to find useful information/video clips on a variety of topics, such as ‘Die Berliner Mauer’ and ‘Weihnachten um die Welt’