Tile Hill Wood School’s German Department would like to invite you and your Year 13 German A level students to an ...  

**A LEVEL GERMAN DAY – HANDLING THE CULTURAL TOPICS**  
a day for Year 13 German students and their teachers  

**Friday, 24th. February 2012**

A series of workshops, seminars and lectures, delivered in both German–tempered to meet all abilities, - and English, aiming at preparing students for the Cultural Topic section of the course. Delivered by experienced A level teachers.

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**Notes:**

Notes written in German with key vocabulary will be available on the day for each session delivered, so that students can take them away for revision purposes. These will be available priced at around £1.50 per booklet, to cover photocopying costs.

Refreshments will be available but we would ask students to bring their own lunch on this day.

If you wish to register your attendance, please contact Mrs Ann Roughton with details of your school and pupil names and numbers on the day.  
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Email: staffaxr@thw.coventry.sch.uk  
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Descriptions of events on offer: Sessions will take the format of workshops / lectures / seminars in preparation for university study, but guided at this stage, of course, to meet the needs of A level students.

9.45-10.00         Arrival & Welcome – Bertram Richter, Head of MFL

10.00-10.40         The Art of Film Analysis with particular reference to Florian Henckel von. Donnersmarck’s film: Das Leben der Anderen – What to look for and how to interpret it - Donna Bogusz, Head of Media Studies – delivered in English

10.45-11.30         The Film Director Option: Applying what you have just learnt in the previous session:
- A workshop analysing different key stills of Das Leben der Anderen, with particular focus on interpretation of the director’s strategies to convey his message
- Ana Neofitou, Assistant Headteacher and previous Head of MFL at THW.
- delivered mainly in German but also in English where appropriate.

11.30-12.10        Lunch Break

12.10-12.45         The Literature Option: The HOW and WHY

Choice of:
1. Dürrenmatt’s Der Besuch der alten Dame: how to avoid the temptation to retell the story
- lecture / workshop: analysis and interpretation of the play and its themes, with particular focus on the impact of dramatic techniques on the effectiveness of the drama. Emphasis: exam technique. Activities will centre around key quotes/developments in the drama to facilitate discussion and promote critical analysis skills in our students.
- Rute Bonnell, Head of German
- delivered mainly in German – English used where appropriate

Or:

2. Bernhard Schlink’s Der Vorleser - workshop (with lecture elements) analysing and interpreting the novel, character presentation as well as exploration of themes, with activities centred around key quotes / developments in the novel which serve to sharpen students’ critical analysis skills.
- Matt Brady, Assistant Headteacher and previous Head of MFL at Arden School
- delivered mainly in German – English used where appropriate

12.50 -1.25         The History option: German History after WWII (with particular focus on Reunification)
This session will provide a background to key historical developments and themes of post-war German history. We will briefly explore what communism means, why it was such a powerful alternative to the western democratic model and the reasons for its demise. This will lead to a discussion of the relevance of German re-unification in German society today.
- Bertram Richter, Head of MFL at THW
- delivered mainly in English to ensure full understanding of historical background, but notes provided in German

1.25 – 1:45         Break
1.45 - 2.15 Exam Technique: **Essay Writing**
- Seminar: Advice on addressing titles and essay writing techniques.

Analysis of previously written exam essays alongside mark schemes, focusing on good practice as demonstrated by previous candidates and how to avoid pitfalls by examining poorly written essays.
- Rute Bonnell and Bertram Richter – delivered in English to facilitate full participation and promote discussion.

2.15 - 2.45 Exam Technique: **Speaking: Coping with Challenge**
- Seminar: scaffolding questions in terms of difficulty gradients which hit moral, ethical and political areas to maximise students’ potential achievements, teaching them to predict follow up questions linked to what they say, and guiding students on the art of directing the conversation in the oral so that they can lead the conversation to the points in which they feel secure. This session will deal with the Contemporary Social Issues areas as well as the Cultural topics.
- Rute Bonnell and Bertram Richter - delivered in English to facilitate full participation and promote discussion.

2.50 – 3:00 Plenary and Evaluation

**Please note:**

Apart from the first session on film analysis by the Head of Media studies, the other sessions will be delivered mainly in German, at times in English. The language will be tempered so that students of all abilities can access it.

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