

German A-level Bridging Material

Some of you will be ahead of the game on this – well done!

We would like you to watch a couple of German films over the next few weeks to build up your listening skills and cultural awareness. You will find some of these on Netflix, Amazon, YouTube and/or Channel 4. Or you may be able to order the DVDs – in which case, make sure you get the subtitled version.

Here are some suggestions, but you may want to choose others:

Lola Rennt

Sonnenallee

Westwind

Goodbye, Lenin!

Das Leben der Anderen (subtitled version = The Lives of Others)

Die Welle (subtitled version = The Wave)

Das Wunder von Bern (subtitled version = The Miracle of Bern)

Do watch them with the English subtitles if available – sometimes you will need the version with the English title to get them.

It would also be really useful to have a dip into the following websites, just to get an idea of what is available. Have a good explore and get into the habit of listening to the German news broadcasts on Deutsche Welle.

www.aufdeutsch.co.uk

Articles, videos, audio files.

www.yjc.org.uk

Look at the final tab – Die Nachrichten – good links to German news sites – dip into these daily. They range from German tabloids Das Bild to the Deutsche Welle (easy news)

www.dw.de

Deutsche Welle - a great website with slowed news and lots of up to date videos, podcasts and info. Follow Deutsche Welle on Twitter (DW Deutsch lernen) – they post really good language quizzes, news reports and other snippets every day!

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