

The Abitur Programme

9:15-10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing /Reading comprehension</p> <p>This most complex part of the Abitur tasks is where the student has to produce a two part analysis of the text, the first being a demonstration of what the message of the author is and the literary devices he author uses to convey that message; the second requiring the student to compare the text with another text from outside the exam or comment on a theme of the text given in the exam.</p>
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Mediation (or Extra Writing if no mediation)</p> <p>This hour focuses on Mediation which is the means of communicating the main points of a text, written in German, in English. Mediation is not a word-for-word translation. Instead, it is about getting the message or the main points of the text across in another language. The work needs to pay attention to cultural differences and explain or paraphrase certain words.</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Listening</p> <p>The emphasis here is on the types of news and feature items taken from radio broadcasts (e.g. BBC, NPR) that are either very similar to or that have been included on recent Abitur exams. Listening practice is followed by completion of the tasks: identifying the correct description, answering multiple choice questions, and answering comprehension questions. The teaching for this is based on practice, identifying comprehension gaps and learning to listen for gist and detail.</p>
14:00-14:15	Break
14:15-15:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Speaking</p> <p>Preparation for this part of the exam is provided in the form of a series of presentation tasks to be presented and assessed by the teacher in class followed by a school wide session to bring all the presentations together before a larger audience followed by Q&A and comment.</p>
15:15-17:15	Self study and exam practice