

Course Outline – Youth Advanced Continued/DSD 1 Preparation

This course is designed for both students who have successfully completed our *Youth Advanced* course and new students wanting to obtain the *DSD 1* (*Deutsches Sprachdiplom*) certificate. The course requires a solid understanding of the fundamentals of the German language.

The aim of this course is to rapidly advance students' linguistic skills and knowledge of grammar, and to thoroughly prepare them for the *DSD 1* certificate, which provides proof of German language proficiency at B1 level and carries advantages when applying to study in Germany.

The textbook *Magnet B1* is aligned with the language proficiencies outlined in the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

On successful completion of this course students will obtain the *DSD 1* certificate and can move up to the next level though it is up to the individual student if he/she wants to sit the DSD 1 exam.

Topics

- Medien & Kommunikation (media & communication)
- Interkulturelle Erfahrungen (intercultural experiences)
- Damals in Österreich (past times in Austria)
- Die Welt von morgen (the world of tomorrow)
- Menschen rund um uns (people around us)
- Gefühle, Emotionen, Träume (feelings, emotions, dreams)
- Familienkonflikte (family conflicts)
- Typisch Schweiz (what's typical about Switzerland)

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course, students will have gained knowledge of and can talk about:

- Technology, Internet, social networks
- Daily newspapers and people's reading habits
- Experiences in a foreign country
- Student exchanges
- The historical lives of Amadeus Mozart and of emperor Franz and empress Sissi
- The history of the Sachertorte
- Visions for the future

- Protecting the environment
- Alternative energy resources
- Various life styles
- Clothing and fashion
- Expressing opinions
- Love and lover's grief
- Dreams and wishes
- Family relations and conflicts
- Switzerland the country
- Swiss food
- The history of Wilhelm Tell

Course materials

- Magnet B1 text- and workbook, published by Ernst Klett Sprachen Fit für das DSD 1, published by Hueber Verlag
- online resources (model tests)
- audio CDs and DVDs