Option B info (for post A-level students):

Welcome! Here are a few brief links to help you find your way around the course before you start.

An overview of how the first year works is given here:
http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/german/undergraduates/a-level

To prepare for the language component, you are advised to continue reading and listening to German (e.g. newspapers & radio), to practise speaking and writing wherever you have the chance, and to purchase Carol Fehringer’s *German Grammar in Context* (2013 edition) and Martin Durrell’s *Hammer’s German Grammar and Usage* (e.g. 2011 edition).

To prepare for the scheduled paper Ge1 (i.e. literature, thought, linguistics and history), you are advised to make a start on the reading list, which can be found here:

Although you will choose topics in which to specialise (usually four out of the six), students attend lectures on all the modules. In 2017-18, lectures for Ge1 will take place in the following order, and it is helpful to bear this in mind as you prepare:

**Michaelmas**
- History
- Literature C
- Thought
- Linguistics 1 (The Brothers Grimm)
- Literature A 1 (*Iwein*)

**Lent**
- Literature B
- Literature A 2 (Walther)
- Linguistics 2 (Konrad Duden)

The literature and thought modules in particular involve a number of primary set texts in German, and it is helpful to spend some time familiarising yourself with these in the original before you come to Cambridge. All the editions recommended on our list should be easy to come by, and many are in the Reclam series, which is very affordable.