



What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Students have one lesson a week for Denbigh Brain Training (DBT). The curriculum in DBT is based on five key attributes known as LORIC, which stands for Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. They will also cover other topics such as kindness, respect, careers and wellbeing.

What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

Students will need to bring standard school equipment: a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener. Coloured pencils would be useful.

Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

No formal homework will be set in DBT lessons. However, students may choose to complete extra activities towards the Pixl Edge (see below) programme independently.

How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

Students will automatically be signed up to a programme called Pixl Edge. This programme allows students to log tasks they have completed in each of the five key attributes (LORIC). Students will be given the opportunity to complete the first award (Apprentice level) in school, but some students may want to achieve further awards by completing extra tasks independently.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

The key attributes (LORIC) students develop in DBT are useful for any career students choose.

The course includes a unit about careers that gives students a starting point for understanding different career pathways that may be available to them when they are older.

What type of tasks can be completed?

Students will complete a range of units in DBT and have the opportunity to select tasks, for example in our kindness unit students could pick from the following tasks:

Leadership: Design and present a 10-minute lesson (with appropriate activities) for your Tutor group on the subject of Kindness and Decency and/or anti bullying. Your lesson should be interesting, engaging and have activities that everyone can complete

Organisation: Prepare a meal for a group of family and friends.

Resilience: Complete a diary to record a daily act of kindness which will last for at least 6 weeks (and fill it in every day!)

How do I access the activities?

When students start in Year 7, a letter will be sent out to parents/careers with detailed instructions on how to access Pixl Edge. Once students receive their Pixl Edge log in details they can access the database and pick activities to complete. The class teacher will demonstrate to students how they should search for and select activities.

There is also the option to add activities, so if something is missing that you do out of school it could get added onto the database.

How do I complete the different levels?

Apprentice – 10 tasks, two from each key attribute (LORIC).

Pioneer – 5 tasks, one from each key attribute (LORIC).

Graduate – 5 tasks, one from each key attribute (LORIC).

As they progress through levels the tasks require more time and effort from the student.