



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

In Year 7, students will choose to study one Modern Foreign Language (MFL) from a choice of French, German or Spanish. Students will be asked to choose their preferred language when they are in Year 6, before starting at Denbigh. They will have three lessons per week in their chosen language. In each language, the students will begin by learning basic greetings and information such as numbers, the alphabet, name and age before progressing on to a range of topic areas such as school, free time, family and local area. Students will learn these topics through four key skill areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing, and they will also begin to understand how to structure the language accurately.

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

The students will need to bring a pen and their exercise book to every lesson. Coloured pens and highlighters are also useful for emphasising key words and grammar points. Access to a dictionary in their chosen language would be beneficial.

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

Year 7 students will have one homework per week. This may be in the form of vocabulary learning, a listening or reading activity, or a piece of writing or worksheet to complete. All MFL students have access to Active Learn, an online resource which assists students in consolidating their learning, and some homework activities may be set from this resource.

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

Ensure that the children are learning vocabulary regularly and completing any homework set. Websites such as www.languagesonline.org.uk are very useful for learning and consolidating grammar, and www.quizlet.com and www.memrise.com are also excellent for assisting with vocabulary learning.

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

French, German and Spanish can be studied to GCSE and A-Level at Denbigh.

The ability to speak a foreign language is an extremely useful and important skill. Students who study Languages can enter many professions, such as translating, interpreting and teaching, but also law, business and jobs in industry. Many companies recruit people with language skills to help develop and maintain links with companies abroad, and there may even be opportunities to work in another country where you can utilise your second language.

Can you choose which language you study in Year 7?

Yes, you are able to choose which language you would like to study and we will endeavour to accommodate students' choices wherever possible.

Are there any trips or exchanges?

Yes. In recent years, we have run exchanges with schools in France and Germany, and we have taken trips to Spain. We have also run a very successful Work Experience programme in France and Germany for students in Year 12 for many years.