



What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Students will have four lessons each week, shared between two teachers. Students will study a range of exciting topics. In French we study criminality, changing trends in family, contemporary French music, and more. In German topics include immigration, racism, and culture in today's Berlin. In Spanish topics include evolution of the Spanish monarchy, multiculturalism in Spanish society, and regional identity in Spain. Students in each language also study a film in Year 12, and literature in Year 13.

What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

The most important thing is a willingness to speak and contribute in lessons. A properly organised folder for class notes, vocab, grammar and assessments will also be essential. Attendance at individual one-to-one sessions with the Foreign Language Assistant will develop fluency and improve grammar. For French and German A Level students, participation in the Work Experience in France or Germany will give speaking skills a huge boost, as well as offering an exciting cultural experience.

How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Students will be set homework after every lesson. Homework tasks include essays, research, grammar, comprehension and vocab learning. Students should also work independently to improve their knowledge and understanding in these areas. FLAs offer break time sessions, when students can consolidate their learning on a drop-in basis.

Which careers can this subject lead to?

A language at A Level can really open up your career possibilities. The more obvious career choices include translation and interpreting, teaching languages in schools and teaching abroad. There are also many jobs where speaking a foreign language is an advantage including customer services, international marketing, international law, diplomacy, transport industries and some areas of finance. Languages are also important for areas of the public sector such as security, the armed services, the Civil Service and the European Union.

Which other subjects complement this subject?

An A Level in a foreign language will complement and enhance your other studies. The Sciences, The Humanities and Social Sciences and Arts subjects can all be studied alongside a Language. For example, you need languages for all sorts of careers; doctors, psychologists and physiotherapists need language skills to communicate effectively with patients whether they work in the UK or overseas; bankers and entrepreneurs use their language skills to make deals and sell products on the global market. Politicians, historians and geographers use their language skills to get to know the people and area that they are passionate about

Which exam board is used for A-Level Languages?

We follow the AQA A-Level specification for all languages offered at Denbigh.

Do I need to visit the country in order to succeed?

Whilst it is not necessary to visit a country where the studied language is spoken, it is always advisable to experience the target language in its native location. Any opportunity to practice the use of the language with native speakers is something that should be taken if possible. Denbigh is lucky enough to employ Foreign Language Assistants who can provide this opportunity in school. The Work Experience trips to Caen and Schwerte are also amazing opportunities to immerse yourself in the language and culture of the country.

Do I have to write essays in the studied language?

Yes, one of the challenges when studying a foreign language is writing an essay in the studied language. Whilst some essays will be written in English, there will be the expectation that extended answers and essays are written in the target language as well, throughout the two years and in the exams.