

# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

All students will begin with French on their arrival in September at Tanbridge House. Students will be taught in tutor groups and will have six hours of lessons per fortnight.

From the beginning of the second half-term, students will be placed in sets and will continue with French. They will also start a second Modern Foreign Language (either German or Spanish) and will then have three lessons per fortnight of French and three hours per fortnight of their second language. This will continue until the end of Year 9.

Students can expect to learn to communicate information about:

- themselves
- their family
- their homes
- their interests
- their daily routine

The curriculum for Year 7 has been modified to take into account the topics and learning, which students have encountered in primary feeder schools as a result of the KS2 strategy, whilst simultaneously supporting those students, who have had less exposure to languages during their primary education.

We aim for students to be provided with opportunities to use their language skills in a variety of cross-curricular and real-life situations. We naturally understand that pupils will arrive at Tanbridge House School with a range of experience in languages and they will be challenged and supported in equal measure.

Students will be assessed regularly in the four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing with a continual emphasis on literacy and the learning of vocabulary. Homework is set once each week per language - this may be a written or learning task.

It is our intention that all students will be provided with an experience of languages of the absolute highest quality. They will be encouraged to think and develop independent learning strategies. They will be challenged and motivated by cutting edge teaching, materials and resources.