



Technology

What we do to help you

Our classrooms are technology rich with projectors and smart boards. We have 6 designated IT rooms and the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) with 60 computers. All faculty areas also have laptops that can be used in any classroom as well as access to iPads. Teachers have access to many different online resources to enrich your learning e.g. GCESpod, Hegity Maths and Lingascope. You will also have your own email account. Our school portal (for parents and students) allows you to access everything you use at school from home. It will also tell you what homework has been set and when it is due in.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Make sure you sign up for Office 365, this is available to install at home for any Denbigh Student.
Use the Portal to check what homework is due and find out useful information, such as your timetable.

Questioning

What we do to help you

Asking and answering questions helps you learn. Expect to be asked lots of questions. We expect every student to try to answer the questions they are asked, but it is ok to give the wrong answer.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Always ask if you are unsure by putting up your hand.
Always try to answer, this shows that you are engaged with your learning.

Challenge

What we do to help you

We want every student to reach their full potential and be the very best they can be. This means you may find the work difficult at first – but persevere and you will get there. All students are set end of year targets, so they know where they are aiming to be.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Know your target grade and even more importantly what you need to do to achieve this.
Always try your best.

Structure

What we do to help you

We have five one hours lessons a day plus Tutorial. All lessons are slightly different but most will have **SONAR** in them. **SONAR** refers to having a **Starter**; learning starts from the moment you walk through the door. A lesson **Objective** so you can be clear what you are learning in that hour. **New knowledge** or skills that will build on what you have previously learnt. **Assessment** so your teacher can check you are understanding the content and a **Review** at the end to ensure everyone is in the same place.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Remember to arrive promptly to lessons as learning starts immediately at the beginning of lessons.

Teaching

What we do to help you

Your teacher will be an expert in their subject, and they want to help you to love it too. Our teachers care about every one of you and will help you in any way they can.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Be respectful to all adults in the school e.g. by calling them by their name e.g. Dr Frame.
Share your passions and interests with your teachers as they want to get to know you.

Routines

What we do to help you

Different lessons will have different routines, especially in practical subjects! Do not worry you will soon learn what to do when. This is one of the first things teachers will go through with you when they meet you. We also have routines for other aspects of school life such as assemblies and accessing the canteen. Again, all of these will be explained to you and if you are ever unsure you can always ask someone.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Make sure you always have your school jumper as you will need to wear this as you arrive to school.
If you are unsure what is expected of you, ask. Our staff and students will be glad to help you.

Resources

What we do to help you

You will need to provide your personal equipment like pens and pencils but in school you will have access to resources you need such as paper, whiteboards and computers. We also have well-resourced Science and Design and Technology rooms with specialist equipment such as 3D printers that you will get to use.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Make sure you have a fully equipped pencil case with you every day.
Respect the resources you are given so everyone can enjoy using them.

Pathways

What we do to help you

At Denbigh we have a spiral curriculum. This means that the topics and skills you learn will build up across lessons and feed into the next topic. In Year 8 you will choose some of the subjects you want to continue learning at GCSE. After your GCSEs many students continue at Denbigh to complete their A Levels before going to University, starting an Apprenticeship or entering employment.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Make sure you know what you are learning and how it fits with the 'big picture'.
Use 'Unifrog', our online careers platform, to help you make decisions about your future.

Displays

What we do to help you

Displays will be informative, check them to see if they can help with your learning. They are also a great way of celebrating excellent work.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Take pride in your work, you never know your work might be chosen to go on display.

Start and finish of lessons

What we do to help you

When you enter your classroom settle quickly and start the activity that has been set. At the end of the lesson, wait to be dismissed, check you have everything with you and know what your homework is.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Check you have your timetable so you know which room you are going to.
Give yourself plenty of time to arrive before the lesson starts.

Engagement

What we do to help you

There will be many different activities in your lessons. Some more fun than others but be prepared for anything and always join in. You can earn shares for being engaged in your learning. Shares can then be cashed in for real prizes such as a trip to Drayton Manor. Outside of lessons there are many clubs you can join as well as trips and visits for you to take part in.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Join in – not just in lessons but in clubs and visits.
Keep checking ParentMail so you don't miss any of the opportunities on offer.

Homework

What we do to help you

Homework is important as it allows you to develop good study habits and it allows you to work independently and creatively. You will get homework regularly. The amount depends on how many lessons you have for that subject each week. Normally you will get one week to complete each piece of work that is set. Homework is set on the portal so you will always know what you have to do.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Check the Portal for what homework has been set and when it is due in.

Marking and feedback

What we do to help you

Teachers will not mark everything you do. Instead they will target key pieces of work to give you feedback. You will get regular feedback on your work. Normally feedback will include things that you have done well as well as things you can work on to improve. Sometimes your work might have a grade, or a mark. Feedback may be spoken or written, individual or whole class.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Pay attention to the feedback you are given and correct any mistakes that you have made.
Follow any advice you are given.

Work

What we do to help you

You will be given books or folders to keep your work in. We expect all students to treat their books and folders with respect. We also require work to be neat and presented with care. Students should write in blue or black ink and draw and sketch in pencil.

What you can do to help yourself / help your child

Make sure you have the correct equipment with you.
Look after your books and folders. Keep them in a safe place and make sure your bag is large enough to fit them in without being damaged.
Take care when presenting your work.