

Catalan-language courses for adults begin today, Monday, through the Formentera Council's language advisory service, SAL. Students in the C1 group head to class today at 7.00pm, and evening courses at the B2 and A2 levels kick off too, an hour later. All three take place at IES Marc Ferrer secondary school.

Wide range of courses

A total of nine courses are being offered: three beginners A2 (morning, afternoon and evening), two B1 (morning and afternoon), two B2 (morning and afternoon), two C1 (morning and afternoon). Tomorrow, Tuesday, is the first day of instruction for morning groups—A2 at 9.15am, B1 at 10.15, B2 at 11.15, and C1 at 12.15—in the adult learning centre (Escola d'Adults). Later in the day at IES Marc Ferrer, the afternoon A2 group hits the books at 5.00pm, and the B2 group at 6.00pm.

The diverse array of classes reflects the administration's goal of facilitating and promoting Catalan language study on the island. The free courses' January end date is scheduled to precede official exams administered by the Balearic Islands' directorate general of language policy.

Though this year a total of 117 individuals have already signed up, and registration for the courses will remain open all week

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Instruction for health personnel

Apart from language instruction for the general public, more classes will also get started soon as part of the Council's five-year-old deal to offer instruction to health workers at the Formentera hospital. Evening classes at the hospital are being planned at the A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels.