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RE: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR YEAR 3 (2014 -2015)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about the Modern Foreign Language Options for next year for your son or daughter. We believe that learning a European language alongside Mandarin is a really important part of education that prepares young people for life in a global community. We have a number of choices, so that we can meet the needs of as many people as possible.

All students in Year 3 will study Mandarin for 3 lessons per week as part of the curriculum. They will then have a further 2 language lessons per week where they can opt for a further two lessons of Mandarin or 2 lessons of a European language. These Mandarin and MFL programmes are carefully differentiated to allow children to be grouped and taught at the appropriate Native or Non-Native level.

We are able to offer the option of French and Spanish as a European foreign language (non-native). We are also able to offer a native speaker classes in Dutch, French, German and Spanish as part of the main curriculum. These classes will be delivered by mother-tongue speakers. Native speakers of French, German and Spanish will also be able to practise and further enhance their languages skills by opting for a Wednesday Native Language ECA.

3 x Mandarin + 2 MFL (non-native French or non-native Spanish)

OR

3 x Mandarin + 2 Native MFL (French, German, Spanish)

OR

3 x Mandarin + 2 additional Mandarin (native or non-native)

OR

5 x Dutch (native speaker) * Dutch School Programme

A small number of students, to meet their particular needs, will be required to study English as an Additional Language instead of Mandarin or a European language. These students will follow an EAL (English as an Additional Language) Programme based on the Cambridge Young Learners programme. Students will attend these EAL lessons during the Mandarin and Modern Foreign Language lesson slots on their timetables until they reach the agreed level and pass the appropriate Cambridge English Assessment Test. Teachers will inform you if your child is required to study EAL.

Please indicate your language choice on the attached reply slip, and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 9 May.

If you have any queries about the option choices below, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best wishes

Niki Meehan
Head of Primary



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REPLY SLIP: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR YEAR 3 (2014 -2015)

Please indicate below your choice of Modern European Foreign Language for the academic year 2014 – 2015.

Name of student:

Current class and year group:

Please circle one language option and clarify if your child is a native speaker or will be learning as a foreign language learner.

In addition to 3 lessons of Mandarin, I would like my son/daughter to study;

French My child is a native French speaker Yes/ No

Spanish My child is a native Spanish speaker Yes/ No

Extra
Mandarin My child is a native Mandarin speaker Yes/ No

Native
German My child is a native German speaker

Dutch My child is native Dutch speaker and I wish him/her to join the Dutch School Programme (5 lessons per week).

Please return this form to your class teacher by Friday 9 May.

For any queries, please contact;

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