



13 April 2016

**RE: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS (MFL) FOR YEAR 3: AUGUST 2016**

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you about the Modern Foreign Language (MFL) options for your son/daughter in August 2016. 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 study Mandarin for 3 lessons per week as part of the curriculum. They then have a further 2 language lessons per week where they can opt for a further two lessons of Mandarin or two lessons of a European language. These Mandarin and MFL programmes are 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 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 are also expected to practise and further enhance their language skills by attending a Native Language ECA, which is a class held after school. It is expected that children will continue with this chosen language throughout Years 3-6.

The choices are:

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

OR

3 x Mandarin + 2 x Native MFL (French, German, Spanish) during the school day + an ECA

OR

3 x Mandarin + 2 x 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 (EAL) instead of Mandarin or a European language. These students will follow an EAL programme based on the Cambridge Young Learners programme. Students will attend these EAL lessons during the Mandarin and MFL lesson slots on their timetables until they reach the agreed level. Teachers will inform you if your child is required to study EAL.



Please indicate your language choice on the following reply slip, and return it to your class teacher. Please be aware that we will endeavour to meet your choice of language but cannot always guarantee this and we will speak with you where issues arise. If you have any queries about the option choices below, please do not hesitate to contact me on [f-mcconnon@bisspuxi.com](mailto:f-mcconnon@bisspuxi.com)

Yours sincerely

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**REPLY SLIP: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (MFL) OPTIONS FOR YEAR 3: AUGUST 2016**

*Please return this form to your class teacher by Friday 22 April 2016.*

Please indicate below your choice of Modern European Foreign Language (MFL).

Name of student: .....

Current class: .....

A. My child will not be returning to school in August 2016 Tick if appropriate

B. Please circle **ONE** language option.

In addition to 3 lessons of Mandarin, I would like my son/daughter to study: **(please circle one choice below)**

NON- NATIVE	NATIVE
French	French
Spanish	Spanish
Extra Mandarin	Extra Mandarin
	German

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