



Queen Mary's Grammar School  
Headmaster: T J Swain, M A

April 2017

To the parents of Y8 pupils

**Year 9 Modern Foreign Languages 2017-18**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the past two years, your son has had the chance to experience Mandarin as an additional language alongside either French or Spanish. In year 9, all students will continue with their European language, but we are offering students the possibility of taking Mandarin as an additional option. These sessions will be taught off the core timetable, with lessons either pre-school, after 4pm or at lunch times (by arrangement between the teacher and the class).

We would like you to consider the possibilities carefully with your son and to indicate on the reply slip whether or not your son is interested in being considered for Mandarin next year. We would ask that any expression of interest should be after careful thought; if your son has a natural aptitude for language this will undoubtedly be an advantage. You should not tick the box to say that your son would like to be considered if it is nothing more than casual interest. We would expect those starting Mandarin next year to do so with the intention of continuing with the subject until GCSE in Year 11. However, ticking the box does not represent a final commitment at this stage.

As this would represent an additional commitment, a selection process will take place should there be more demand than capacity. This will be based on the performance of students in their end of term grades in English, Maths and their two language options at present.

Please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mr Langton, via your son's Form Tutor, by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like further information on this matter, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton  
Head of School

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**Mandarin Chinese 2017-18**

Pupil's name:.....Form:.....

I/we have discussed the possibility of Mandarin with my/our son and would/would not like him to be considered for September 2017.

Parent's signature:.....