

20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents,

**Year 7 World Language Options for August 2016**

We are currently planning our language provision for the next academic year and would like to invite you and your child to select the preferred language course, or courses, to follow from August 2016 (**in Year 8**).

There are 4 different available options and students must select **one** of the options below.

Year 8 & continued through to Year 9	Language selected	Time allocation
<b>Option A</b>	<b>Continue</b> with Mandarin <b>only</b> (Will <b>not</b> take an additional language)	(3 lessons per week)
<b>Option B</b>	<b>Continue</b> with French <b>only</b> (Will <b>not</b> take an additional language)	(3 lessons per week)
<b>Option C</b>	Mandarin <b>with</b> Spanish	<b>2 lessons</b> and <b>1 lesson</b> respectively
<b>Option D</b>	Mandarin <b>with</b> French	<b>2 lessons</b> and <b>1 lesson</b> respectively

Students are offered the opportunity to either begin an additional new language (either French or Spanish) or continue with the language that they currently study in Year 7. Please remember that Mandarin is **not** offered as a **new** second language in Year 8. To study Mandarin in Year 8, students must already be studying it at school in Year 7. Also if your son/ daughter currently takes French in Year 7 (3 classes a week in Year 7) he/ she cannot change the language anymore.

The decisions that you make now will have serious implications upon the choices that will be available to you later on in the school curriculum (Year 10 & Year 12) so please refer to the 'Language Routes' diagram on the College website to see the many different options ahead.

Over the next week your son/daughter's language teacher will explain the options process and the languages on offer. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Yang, Head of Asian Studies or Ms Paraschivescu, Head of French, at the College. Please return the reply form to your child's Mandarin/French teacher no later than Friday **18<sup>th</sup> February**.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms Danielle Yang

Ms. Raluca Paraschivescu

Head of Asian Studies

Head of French

Sha Tin College

COMPLETING & RETURNING THE FORM

Please ask your son/daughter to pass the form to his/her Mandarin / French teacher by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. Students should not hand the form in to their form tutor or to any other teacher.

This Year

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ [full name] of Form \_\_\_\_\_  
eg. *Paul Wong* *7S*

is **at present** studying      MANDARIN / FRENCH      [circle as necessary]

Next Year, August 2016

I would like my son/daughter to take option \_\_\_\_\_. (please indicate letter clearly)

Option A:    MANDARIN **only** (3 lessons per week)

Option B:    FRENCH **only** (3 lessons per week)

Option C:    MANDARIN **with** SPANISH (2 lessons + 1 lesson respectively)

Option D:    MANDARIN **with** FRENCH (2 lessons + 1 lesson respectively)

We will do our very best to meet parents' wishes but where no preference is made or where a request arrives after **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**, we will need to allocate students to groups where places are available. The timetabling of classes will be dependent upon sufficient numbers of students electing the subject. It must be noted that owing to the fixed parameters of class **sizes it may well not be possible to change language preferences once started** in Year 8 so careful consideration is advised.

My son / daughter *will not be attending Sha Tin College in August 2016*[please circle]

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_