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Students study one language from Year 7 to GCSE at Horsforth School. This is either French, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese.

### **How is it decided which language they take?**

Mandarin Chinese is studied by students who have both opted and been accepted whilst in Year 7. Due to the demands of the course, there is an expectation that students will work outside of the classroom in after school sessions and complete extra homework and so commitment to learning as well as prior attainment in reading and writing at Primary School will be taken into account.

Students who are not studying Mandarin Chinese will be allocated a place on either the French or Spanish course. Parents who wish to express a genuine reason for their child to study either French or Spanish will be given the opportunity to do so in the summer term before students start. This will be taken into consideration but cannot be guaranteed.

### **How can we find out more if Mandarin Chinese is the right language for my child?**

An evening will be held in May with Mrs Zhang, our curriculum leader of Mandarin where she will give more details about the course, along with a taster session for your child to take part in to help with their decision.

### **How many hours do they study a language for at Horsforth School?**

In year 7 and 8 all students study their allocated language for 6 hours per fortnight. All students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme will also receive additional self-study and extra-curricular support as well as small group tutorial (5 students maximum) for 20 minutes a week to support their progress and understanding. These may take place before or after school.

In Year 9, students studying French and Spanish will study their language for 5 hours per fortnight. Students studying Mandarin Chinese will have 8 hours per fortnight and so will have one less 'depth option' in Year 9 compared to other students. Please note this does not mean that they study one less option at GCSE.

### **What language qualification do students receive?**

All students study a language at GCSE apart from a very small number who receive additional English support in Year 10 and 11. Therefore all students will study the GCSE in their allocated language.

### **Who can I contact for further details?**

Please contact Mr Dan Simpson (Head of Modern Foreign Languages) or Mrs Emma Zhang (Head of Mandarin Chinese) at [info@horsforthschool.org](mailto:info@horsforthschool.org)



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