



# **Modern Foreign Languages**

Year 7 Carousel

Option Choices

## **Languages Information**

### **Main Foreign Language - French**

All students will study French for 2 lessons a fortnight for three years.

In Year 7 they will learn about:

Introductions

Numbers, Time and Calendars

The Alphabet

Colours

Family, Home, leisure and Pets

Being prepared for School

### **Second Language**

As well as French, all students will study either German or Spanish for two lessons a fortnight for three years.

### **Language Carousel**

Once a fortnight, students will have an additional language lesson\* in the following subjects; Arabic, Italian, Latin, Mandarin, BSL and Urdu. This is to provide them with a wider language curriculum.

Students **must choose 3** out of the 6 languages which they will then study for 2 terms each.

\*There will also be a literacy intervention group and students in this group will not follow the language carousel programme. Selection for this group is based on KS2 results.



### Arabic

The US government has designated Arabic as a language of strategic importance. Furthermore, Arabic is the official language of 23 Arab countries. It is the 5th most commonly spoken native language in the world. There is a high demand and low supply of Arabic-speakers in the Western world.



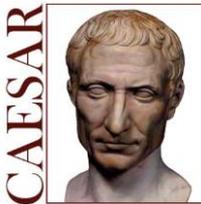
### British Sign Language (BSL)

BSL was recognised as a modern language by the UK government in 2003 and is one of Scotland's indigenous languages, alongside English, Gaelic and Scots. It is used as a first language by about 60,000 Deaf people in the UK.



### Italian

Italy is one of the top five economies in the world, and many employers are seeking people who speak both Italian and English. Italy is a world leader in the culinary arts, interior design, fashion, graphic design, furniture design and much more. According to UNESCO, over 60% of the world's art treasures are found in Italy. Some of the most famous Western artists, from Giotto to Michelangelo, were Italian.



### Latin

Learning Latin helps to provide a foundation for language learning and gives us a better understanding of our Modern European Languages. Latin should not be a language confined solely to museums and ancient books.



### Mandarin

Around 1 billion people in the world speak Mandarin Chinese. Learning Mandarin is now seen as being very trendy. Mandarin Chinese is mostly spoken in **China, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia**. It is also widely used in the many Chinese communities (Chinatowns) around the globe. Mandarin Chinese is also one of the six official languages used by the United Nations.



### Urdu

Urdu is spoken by close to 100 million people around the world. It is the official language of **Pakistan**, a status which it shares with English. It is also spoken and understood in parts of **India, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Middle East**, and many other countries around the world where Pakistani communities have settled. Other languages written in the same script as Urdu include **Pashto, Kashmiri and Panjabi**, although Panjabi is also written in a script called Gurumukhi. The Urdu script is over 90% similar to the **Persian and Arabic** scripts.