



Bangkok Patana School
The British International School in Thailand
Established 1957

Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Choice for new Year 3 to Year 6 Students

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bangkok Patana School.

Please complete this form at the time of application as it is important to know the language options as early as possible in the admissions process.

- Please note that all students registered as Thai nationals are required to undertake Thai A studies (language and literature) as part of government regulations.
- Students currently on the EAL register will receive additional EAL support during the MFL slot and therefore do not study an MFL. However, for future reference, please complete the form.
- Students whose level of Dutch entitles them to join the Dutch programme will learn Dutch during curriculum time and after school ECAs.

Information Regarding the MFL Programme

The languages offered in Years 3 to 6 are French, Mandarin and Spanish.

Students take two 60-minute MFL lessons twice a week from Year 3 onwards. Towards the end of Year 2, students are asked to select one language to study from Year 3 to Year 9, as their MFL1. This should be a language that the student can start as a beginner with little or no prior experience. At this stage, native speakers will be asked to choose a different language from their own, because all MFL1 languages are taught from beginner level.

It is important to discuss the choice of language with your child as they will be studying this language into Secondary School. In Year 7, they will be requested to select a second MFL (MFL2). Then, in Year 10, they will have the option of studying MFL1, MFL2 or both at IGCSE level.

Once a language has been chosen, we encourage students to continue with it and not change language. This is because language acquisition is cumulative, and the student's motivation increases over time as they become increasingly familiar with it.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs)

“MFL extra” ECA is provided for students who would like to reinforce what they have learnt in class, and takes part at different times in the year for students currently enrolled in Y3-6 MFL.

Home Language ECAs are provided for some languages. Students with prior exposure or family background who wish to further continue language study outside of school hours can join.

Contact details if you have questions or require a meeting.		
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Please complete the form and upload it to your child's application, or email to admissions@patana.ac.th if you have already submitted your application.

Should you have any queries regarding the language choice, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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MFL Option Form for new Year 3 to Year 6 students

Information about your child

- Surname _____
- Name _____
- Year group _____
- Nationality (as per registration) _____
- Languages spoken with ease _____
- Is your child receiving English as an Additional Language (EAL) support at their current school? YES NO (Please circle as appropriate)
- If your child is on the EAL register, please indicate a language s/he would like to study later:
- _____

This selection box is for students who are NOT on the EAL register:

Please select your language and tick in the appropriate box

	MFL1	
Language	First choice	Second choice
French		
Mandarin		
Spanish		
Thai A (compulsory for Thai /dual nationals)		

Parent / guardian signature: _____

Date: _____