



**Bangkok Patana School**  
*The British International School in Thailand*  
Established 1957

## **Modern Foreign Language Choice for new Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bangkok Patana School!

Please take some time to fill in the attached form as it is important to know the language option as early as possible in the admissions process.

The languages offered in the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 MFL programme are French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish, Thai and English.

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 yet. Please do still complete the form for future reference though.

Singaporean nationals are entitled to study Singaporean Mandarin during MFL time.

Please also note that French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish and Thai B (Thai as additional language) are taught at beginner level only. Therefore children should choose a language in which they have not yet developed fluency.

It is important to discuss the choice of language with your child as they will be studying this language into the Secondary School. In Year 7, they will be requested to select a second MFL. In Year 10, they will then have the option of studying one and/or the other at IGCSE level.

Motivation is a key issue in language learning and once a language has been selected for study, a change is not encouraged. If your child has already started a language at beginner level, it would be best to continue with the same language.

Please complete the attached form and upload it to your child's application, or email to [admissions@patana.ac.th](mailto: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 4, Year 5 or Year 6 students**

### ***Information about your child***

- Surname \_\_\_\_\_
- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Year group \_\_\_\_\_
- Nationality (as per registration) \_\_\_\_\_
- Languages spoken with ease \_\_\_\_\_
- **Is your child currently on the EAL register 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

<b><i>Language</i></b>	<b><i>First choice</i></b>	<b><i>Second choice</i></b>
<b>French</b>		
<b>German</b>		
<b>Japanese</b>		
<b>Mandarin</b>		
<b>Spanish</b>		
<b>Thai A (compulsory for Thai /dual nationals)</b>		
<b>Thai B (Thai as an additional language)</b> (Please note availability of Thai B in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be subject to student numbers and will be confirmed by the end of the academic year)		

Parent / guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_