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Dear Parent/Carer

**Modern Foreign Languages at Blatchington Mill School**

The study of a modern language is an essential requirement of the curriculum at Key Stage 3. At Blatchington Mill School, all students in Year 7 learn ONE language – one of French or Spanish. This will be their main language for Key Stage 3 and will allow students to achieve high standards. Students, who make very rapid progress in their main language in Year 7, will be offered the opportunity to study a second language – French or Spanish – in Years 8 and 9.

We will allocate a main language to each Year 7 student. If you have strong reasons for requesting a specific language\* for your son/daughter, we ask that you contact us. To do this, please write to:

Student Services  
Blatchington Mill School  
Nevill Avenue  
BN3 7BW

Or Email [office@blatchingtonmill.org.uk](mailto:office@blatchingtonmill.org.uk)

Stating **Y7 languages** in the subject line

Your letter/email should briefly outline the reasons for your request. We cannot guarantee to meet specific requests, as allocations will be dependent on staffing and timetabling factors.

\*Languages are allocated by form group. Information from your child's primary school regarding educational requirements and friendship groups will be taken into account when allocating form groups and may result in your child not being with their choice of friends or studying their preferred language.

Yours faithfully

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