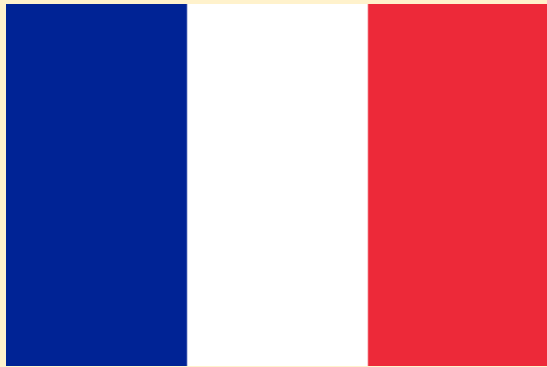


Year 8 Modern Foreign Languages at Tipton School

What is the best next step for you?



The context

- The government has decided all students should study the EBACC
- This means that all students should chose a language and a humanity (History or Geography) for their GCSE options (as well as studying Maths, English & Science)
- Tapton has responded to this change by allowing students to study one language in depth in year 7.
- For many of you the **best** next step is to continue to study one language in depth so that you can comfortably take that language at GCSE
- However, a number of you might be so interested in studying languages that you wish to study an additional language (alongside your current language) next year

The Y8 MFL options process – what is right for you?

- If you are really flying in your languages study and have a keen interest in studying another language as well THEN you could opt to study a second language next year
- You would have one hour a week of this new language AND two hours of your current language
- In Y9 this would reverse
- We would then expect that you would seriously consider taking both languages as two out of your three GCSE options

Is it right for me?

Yes if ...

- My grades and LLs are consistently high
- I can continue to excel in my first MFL subject with less time studying it (i.e. you will only have 2 hours a week in Y8 and 1 hour in Y9)

No if ...

- You know that 3 hours a week in your first MFL subject will really help to build your knowledge and skills and enable you to achieve EBACC in KS4
- You enjoy your language study but are not keen to add another language
- You find languages hard

Is it right for me?

There are other people in school and at home who can help you to answer that question;

- Your MFL teacher – **you will have tasters of the other languages in your MFL lesson time**
- Miss Price, Ms Rhodes and Miss Sharman
- Your form tutor
- Your parents/carers

What happens next?

W/C – 1st May

- MFL Y8 Options assembly
- Letters to parents

W/C 15th May

- ‘Taster’ sessions in your MFL lessons
- Opportunities for your parents to talk to school staff about your choices – they should email Miss Price if necessary

MONDAY 22nd May

- All reply slips must be returned to your form tutors

What do you need to do now?

- Tell your parents/carers about today's assembly
- Take the letter home to share with your family (*there will be a link to the school website so that they can see this presentation too*)
- Think carefully about your choices ... Talk to people (and your parents can talk to us too if they have questions) ... Engage in the taster session
- Make a decision
- Make sure you return your form on time ... by Monday 22nd May!

If you do decide 'yes'...

- You will return the form (as everyone does) indicating your preferred language choices (we cannot guarantee you will get your first choice but will do our best to accommodate you)
- We will shape your timetable for Y8 around this choice (*and if it proves tricky we will contact you and your family to discuss*)
- It will be very hard to change your timetable in Y8 so you must be committed to this choice!

**All students must return the reply slip
(even if you have decided one language is best for you!)**