



22 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Welcome to Finham Park School

I write to warmly welcome you to Finham Park School and give you some information regarding your child's transition to secondary school, which will be done a bit differently this year. I trust you are able to stay safe in these challenging times and are well. It is our custom to hold a meeting for new parents in June and invite all the new students to spend the day with us in July. However, due to COVID-19, we are unsure at the moment whether this will happen. I will keep you informed of any developments with this.

Please see a list of suggested reading for your children - <http://finhampark.com/year-6-to-7-transition/>

Modern Foreign Language Classes

Almost all Finham Park School students study a language from years 7-11. The school offers French, German, Spanish or Mandarin*. One half of the year group studies Spanish or German and the other half, French or Mandarin. Your child will be allocated to one of these languages, and the majority will study this for five years (some students don't study a language at GCSE, and a few students choose to study a second language at GCSE). **If you have a preference for the language studied, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/cmmtUduH4ZPKFTRM7> by Monday 4 May 2020 even if you have already expressed a preference to your child's primary school.** The form enables students to rank the languages in order of preference, so if we cannot allocate a child their first choice, we will endeavour to give them their second choice. In order to complete the form you will need a google drive account (anyone using a smart phone will have one automatically). If you have any questions about student language choices please contact Mrs Darby (Head of Modern Foreign Languages) on j.darby@finhampark.co.uk.

*Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP)

Students who study Mandarin as their choice of language follow the Mandarin Excellence Programme and follow a slightly different curriculum route. This is an exciting opportunity. Once students start the MEP course, they study this for five years. Please click on the link at the bottom of this letter for more information and listen to the presentation before opting for this programme. For more information about the MEP please contact Mrs Lewis - h.lewis@finhampark.co.uk. We like to assess students' suitability for this challenging programme by asking them to complete two independent tasks, a quiz and a writing task. These can either be accessed on the MEP area of the school website (link below) or sent to your email address on receipt of your Expression of Interest Form.

I look forward to meeting you and working together to support your child as they enter the next stage of their education.

Yours faithfully

Mr Chris Bishop (Headteacher)

<http://finhampark.com/mandarin-excellence-programme/>

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Expression of interest form – Mandarin Excellence Programme 2020 cohort

If you are interested in finding out more about the Programme, please fill in the details below and return to Mrs Lewis - h.lewis@finhampark.co.uk by 4 May.

Name of child	
Name of parent/s	
Contact phone number	
Contact email	
Primary school	