

# Sacred Heart Secondary Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with regards to your son/daughter's Modern Foreign Language learning in years 8 and 9.

We are in the fortunate position of being able to offer Italian as a second language here at Sacred Heart and we will be introducing it from September. This means that over our two week timetable your son/daughter's MFL learning will consist of both Italian and French lessons.

In my experience of teaching two languages for over a decade, rather than two languages being a hindrance, the students often find that the second language actually assists their progress. French and Italian are so similar and a lot of the basic rules apply to both languages. Indeed verb formations and grammar rules are also very similar.

The students have been spoken to about this and the general feeling is one of positivity and excitement about the prospect of being able to learn a new language. The staff too, are excited about the opportunity to teach Italian at KS3, with the aim of being able to offer the language at GCSE in the coming years.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Thompson  
Head of MFL



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