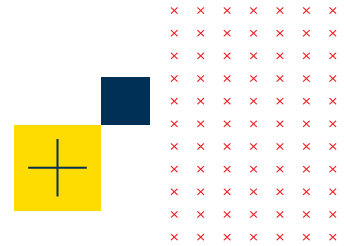




GLOBAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMME

OFFERING FIRST-CLASS WORLD LANGUAGES EDUCATION THROUGH OUR GLOBAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMME



According to their mother tongue, students are offered a wide range of language choices when they join St Andrews International School Bangkok. If your child has two or more nationalities, choosing the right passport to register them will determine in which group they are placed.

OUR LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

ENGLISH

English is the language of instruction at the school and all lessons are taught in English.

THAI

All students must study Thai but the requirement of hours depends on the registered nationality.

FIRST LANGUAGE

Students registered with Japanese, Korean, French or German nationalities (or students fluent in these languages) will have the opportunity to study their mother tongue as well as Thai.

MFL

Modern Foreign Language

Students choose one MFL, as well as Thai and their first language if they are French, German, Japanese or Korean.

LANGUAGES at St Andrews Bangkok (A lesson is 1 hour long)		Native Language of Student		
		Thai	Japanese, Korean, French or German	Any other native language
Key Stage 3 (Year 7 to Year 9)	Thai lessons per week	3	1	1
	First language lessons per week	-	2	-
	MFL Lessons per week (French, Spanish or Mandarin)	1	1	3



FIRST LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

At St Andrews Bangkok, we value the importance of developing the student's first language. Research and professional experience indicate that competence in English is related to the level of competence in a student's first language (including the level of literacy skills) which is critical for their cognitive development. The degree of proficiency that the student can achieve in subsequent languages is directly dependent on the literacy level in their first language.

The First Language Programme is offered to our students of non-Thai nationality who have a certain level of proficiency in French, German, Korean and Japanese. Students who are not able to understand and speak the language will not be able to join the programme.

French, German, Korean and Japanese speakers have the possibility to study their 1st language 2 hours a week. Students new to the school will attend one lesson of their 1st language on taster day - this will allow the teacher to assess their level.

The First Language Programme at KS3 is designed to prepare the students for the IGCSE course and the IB Literature course and therefore some level of reading and writing is required. The students belonging to this group will have 1 hour of MFL or English support lessons as necessary.

In order to support students new to English, they can opt for extra English lessons to start with and join the First Language Programme at a later date.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Students choose one of the MFL on offer: Mandarin, French or Spanish. If they are registered as Thai or joining a First Language Programme they will have one MFL lesson per week. If they are registered with any other nationality different from Thai, Japanese, Korean, German or French, then they will have 3 MFL lessons per week.



EAL students will have additional English support during MFL time. They will join MFL when they exit the EAL programme.

The same languages are offered in KS2 (Mandarin, French and Spanish) and students coming from our Primary School will be automatically assigned the same language as in Year 6. New students will make their choice during their registration with the school and will also be advised to continue with the language they have studied in their previous school.

KS3 students have 3 hours of MFL a week if they are not Thai nationals and 1 hour a week if they are Thai nationals or native of one of the languages that we offer as a first language (French, German, Korean, Japanese).

THAI PROGRAMME

The Thai Ministry of Education requires that our school provides a Thai Language and Culture Programme to students. Thai lessons are offered based on the student's nationality as registered by their parents. Students who have one Thai parent can choose whether to register as Thai or another nationality provided they also hold this country's passport or national ID.

Students Registered as Thai Nationals

There are 3 lessons of Thai each week. The students will have a good opportunity to develop language usage, communication skills and establish a strong foundation of Thai necessary for learning an IGCSE and IB when they move up to High School.

Students Registered as a Non-Thai Nationality

They will study Thai for 1 period per week. Basic Thai conversation integrated with cultural aspects are the focus of the Thai lessons.