

Application for release from the study of a modern foreign language

While there is provision from the Department of Education & Youth for schools to issue an exemption from the study of Irish, there is no such provision in relation to the study of a modern foreign language. In Newpark, French or German is a core subject for study, along with English, Irish and Maths.

Parents/guardians wishing to apply for consideration of release for their son or daughter from the study of a modern foreign language should submit this form along with a report from a recognised professional (e.g., medical specialist, psychologist) for consideration by the school.

If the application is successful, please be advised that the granting of release from the study of a modern foreign language may result in a curricular shortfall for the student. While students may be facilitated with support tuition, they may also be assigned to the library.

Please be advised that many courses of study in higher education require the presentation of a modern foreign language to meet basic entry (matriculation) requirements. Further information on this requirement at the National University of Ireland (e.g., UCD, UCC, Maynooth University, Galway University, NCAD & RCSI) is available at nui.ie. Further information on the requirement to present a modern foreign language for Trinity College Dublin is available at tcd.ie. Currently the Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities require only English or Irish for the purposes of meeting minimum entry requirements.

Students and parents/guardians should be aware that entrance requirements to higher education are subject to change and while the school will endeavour to notify families of changes, this is ultimately the responsibility of each family.

Our school guidance counsellors are available to answer any question families may have in relation to this letter. See newparkschool.ie/guidance for contact details.

Please sign below to acknowledge your acceptance of the above information.

Release from MFL cannot be considered until this letter is received by the Year Leader.

Signed Student _____

Signed Parent/Guardian _____

Print Student name _____

Print Parent/Guardian name _____

Student Form Group _____

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Date received _____

Granted _____

Not granted _____

MFL teacher name _____

Key Worker name (if relevant) _____

Verified by Year Leader _____

Verified by Principal _____