Dear Parents and Guardians

Caterham School is offering the possibility of taking an A Level in Chinese or Russian in Summer 2026 to all students starting the Lower Sixth in September who are native speakers in those languages.

Specialist tutors will provide tuition and assistance to the candidates in order to prepare them for their Speaking and Writing exams in particular. This tuition will take place over the weekends or after school from October to May, so it should not interfere with their other subjects. There will be approximately 10 sessions with the tutor, which will be provided at no additional cost

It will be a real advantage to those applying to university next year to have an A or A\* grade on their UCAS form. In some cases, such an additional A Level has meant that universities (including Oxford and Cambridge) have accepted pupils who have missed their offer grades.

Some additional work will be required, but this will not be excessive and should not interfere with the pupils’ preparation for A Levels. They will sit examination next summer. There will be no impact whatsoever on their work in the Upper Sixth.

We strongly encourage those taking 3 or 4 A Levels to opt to sit their native language A Level. For those taking 5 A Levels, we would not normally advise sitting an additional subject, although they are very welcome to enter should they so wish.

We ask parents and guardians to discuss this option with pupils, and to confirm to us your decision **by Monday 16 June**.

The option form is attached. Please complete this and return it by email to Mr Garcia at [carlos.garcia@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:carlos.garcia@caterhamschool.co.uk)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Garcia or Mr Salem.

Kind regards,

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