

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Caterham School is offering the possibility of taking an A Level in Chinese or Russian in Summer 2027 to all students starting the Lower Sixth in September who are native speakers in those languages.

Specialist tutors will deliver targeted tuition to support candidates, particularly in preparation for the Speaking and Writing examinations. These sessions will take place at weekends or after school from October to May, ensuring that they do not interfere with pupils' other academic commitments. This tuition will be provided at no additional cost.

It will be a real advantage to those applying to university 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.

Although some extra work will be required, it will not be excessive and it should not hinder pupils' preparation for their main A Levels. Examinations will be taken next summer, and there will be no impact on their Upper Sixth studies.

We strongly encourage pupils taking three or four A Levels to consider entering for their native language A Level. For those already studying five A Levels, we would not normally recommend adding an additional subject, although pupils are welcome to do so should they wish.

We kindly ask parents and guardians to discuss this option with pupils, and to confirm to us your decision by **Monday 15 June**.

[A LEVEL CHINESE & RUSSIAN OPTIONS FOR SUMMER 2027 – Fill out form](#)

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

Kind regards,

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