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**Re: IBDP School Supported Self-Taught (SSST) Placement Assessment (Mother Tongue Languages)**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Year 11 Students,

On 16 January 2019, I introduced the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme to students which is what we offer at Chatsworth International School and I also outlined the application process for this programme. One of the Group One language subjects offered is School-Supported Self-Taught (SSST) Language A Literature. *This is a study of literature in the student's mother tongue (other than English) language.* The course is offered at a Standard Level only. The IB and Chatsworth firmly encourage and support the study of mother tongue languages.

During the course of the school year, the MYP 5 students enrolled in Chatsworth's Mother Tongue programme undertake various assessments and placement tests to evaluate their language proficiency. Their results will determine their placement in the SSST course. For students not enrolled in the MYP 5 Mother Tongue programme, it is possible for them to sit a Mother Tongue placement assessment for the SSST course. If you wish for your child to complete the Mother Tongue placement assessment, please contact Ms Lachet with your request. At this early stage in subject selection, you and your child may not be considering SSST as a first choice, but we still encourage students to sit the assessment in order to keep their options open. The focus of the placement assessment is reading and writing in the target language as 70% of the final grade for SSST is based on reading and writing. The assessment will be reviewed by a native speaker of the language. If students then qualify for this subject and elect to take it in the IB Diploma Programme they will be asked to work with a tutor for the duration of the course, starting this August, in order to improve their skills in their Mother Tongue language. The school will assist in finding a suitable tutor, however, the school is not responsible for any tuition costs. Tutor fees are paid directly by parents to the tutors.

Students studying Language A Literature under this option have the possibility of being awarded a bilingual IB Diploma. If you require more information about the IBDP SSST programme please email Ms Julia LACHET (SSST Coordinator) [jlachet@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:jlachet@chatsworth.com.sg).

Kind regards,

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