

4th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The Garibaldi School will be offering a short introductory course in British Sign Language (BSL) for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The nature of the course requires that we limit numbers and therefore places will be offered on a first come first served basis. If your child would like to take part, please complete the form via the link below. I will confirm with you once places have been allocated.

BSL is a valuable and enriching skill that promotes inclusion and effective communication with the deaf community. For students in Key Stage 4 and 5, it also supports the development of cognitive and social skills, and can enhance applications for further education, apprenticeships, and careers particularly in fields such as healthcare, education, and public service. Learning BSL is not only a practical asset but also a meaningful step towards becoming a more empathetic and future-ready individual.

The course will run for six weeks, with sessions held every Friday from 3pm until 4pm, starting on Monday 15th September and concluding on Monday 20th October. The course will be delivered by experienced trainers from the Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, all of whom are profoundly deaf and use BSL as their first language. This provides students with an authentic and immersive learning experience, offering direct insight into deaf culture and communication.

Places are limited to 16 students and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Sixth Form students. The cost of the course is £30 per student, which will be payable via SCOPAY. To register your interest, please complete the form via the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/rYViURiM3K>. Once your place has been confirmed, payment must be received no later than 8th September.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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