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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 Language Choices and year 9 Curriculum Design

At the end of Year 8, we refine our language offering and in doing so we invite student requests as to the language that they would prefer to continue with in Year 9. The benefit of this is the opportunity for students to concentrate on one language in Year 9 and for longer, at five periods a fortnight, therefore preparing them for successful Modern Foreign Language GCSE study.

Students will state their language preference of the two languages that they are currently studying, although some students may wish to continue with both. Please see below regarding the 2 options.

What options are there for my child in Modern Foreign Languages in Year 9?

Option 1

Those students who study two Modern Foreign Languages can select one preference of the two that they are currently studying (from French, German or Spanish). A new language cannot be started in Year 9. When you fill in the survey, only select a language your child currently studies and would prefer to continue to study.

Option 2

Students who currently study two languages can choose to continue with both in Year 9. Choosing to continue with two languages in Year 9 does not mean that students will have to continue with both for GCSE in Year 10. If a student decides to study two languages in Year 9, the extra lessons will take place in 2 periods after school as well as one lesson in a non-exam subject and one lesson taken from the other language or Active. When you fill in the survey, select the two languages your child currently studies (either French and German or French and Spanish).

The results of this survey of preference will be used in our final Year 9 grouping decisions. Finally, following our decision, please note that any language dropped at the end of Year 8 cannot be picked up again in Year 10. Your child's Modern Foreign Languages teacher would be happy to offer advice to either you or your child regarding this decision.



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We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that in year 9, the structure of the curriculum will be one accelerated group in each language and the other groups will continue as mixed attainment. Data gathered throughout the year will determine which group your child will be in in year 9. The deadline for language preferences is Tuesday 18th June.

Please complete the online survey by clicking on the link below, or your child can access this via Satchel One.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VuIRjA2_ZkuiJR7u6LWjKE1EaOtaMzJLgqcyECzGK2NUMUxRSDFITU1BVkNMOTJBSEUxU1NWNk82TC4u

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