



Dear Parents/Carers,

Modern Languages: Year 7 into Year 8

In the next few weeks we will put together our teaching groups for next year, groups with which we expect to continue into Year 9 too. Students will continue with one of the languages they have learned in Year 7 but we wish to give you the opportunity to express a choice – [as set out below](#) – and will do our best to accommodate this in the groupings that we draw up; please understand, however, that this has to be done within our available staffing structure. If there is clear evidence from the class teacher that a student's aptitude lies strongly with one language rather than the other, this may also be taken into account. We encourage students to give proper consideration to both languages they have studied in Year 7.

We regard French, German and Spanish as equal modern languages within our curriculum. We offer all three to GCSE and A level and the school seeks to offer comparable residential visits to France, Germany and Spain. Equality of opportunity dictates that the programmes of study and public exams are as easy or hard in one foreign language as another. In other words, we feel confident your child will succeed in whichever language they study with us, if they are interested and prepared to work hard.

If you genuinely do not have a preference, please say so below – this will not be seen as indifference, rather as a help in forming the groups!

Finally, just to reiterate, the choice you make should be from the two languages studied in Year 7 – we do not intend for your child to start a third one in Year 8.

Please complete the attached form by Wednesday 30th June.

Yours sincerely,

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