



RISEDALE
A family of learners

RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

Modern Foreign Languages in Year 9

Your child has been studying a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) since Year 7. All Year 7 pupils study French and are then introduced to German in their second year at Risedale, with both languages being taught in Year 8.

In Year 9, however, we would like all pupils to focus on a single language – French or German – meaning that in September they will have two lessons of the subject per week. This not only supports the ideal language-learning concept of 'little and often' but will also provide a stronger platform for continuing to GCSEs in Year 10.

Mr Gückel and I have met to organise the Year 9 groups of pupils, and have allocated everyone their language to study from September. This process has been based on our professional judgements, based on each pupil's strengths, abilities and aptitudes, and evidenced by on-going assessments. We feel that their given subject will give all pupils the best foundation to progress with their language-learning at Risedale.

We will be informing pupils of their allocated language before the end of term.

Please also note that, irrespective of the language allocated, pupils will still have a free choice at GCSE to study French, German or both languages.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please do not hesitate in contacting me at school, should you have any questions or comments, or if you require additional information.

Kind regards,

Mr Richard Miller

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

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