



6th July 2021

Year 9 Modern Foreign Languages choices

Dear Parent or Carer,

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 Year 8. Currently everyone has a single lesson of each language per week.

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

We have already completed a preliminary Year 8 survey on possible language choices and will be asking Year 8 pupils to commit to their preferred language this week. While we cannot guarantee choices, we will try to ensure that every pupil continues with their chosen language in Year 9. Where a pupil has expressed no preference, we will allocate French or German depending upon what we think is best for that pupil.

Please also note that, irrespective of the language they choose now, they will still have a free choice at GCSE to study the language of their choice. For example, if a pupil chooses German in Year 9 they will still have access to some French work (either remote learning or in-class/extra-curricular support) and could still opt for GCSE French *and/or* GCSE German in Year 10.

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

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