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Dear Parents/Carers

Due to changes to the curriculum from 2023-2024, the Modern Foreign Languages faculty will be changing the learning journey and therefore there will be a change to how languages are studied across KS3.

From September 2023, current Year 7 going into Year 8 will choose which language route they would like to study, selecting from **either** French or Spanish. The decision for this is with the student and must be selected wisely based on future job prospects, careers and skills they want to carry on with throughout their KS3. We advise all students to choose the language which suits them and not to select the language based on other reasons such as friendship groups or teacher preference. If students do not have a preference, the language choice will be selected for them.

Additionally, from 2023, current Year 8 students going into Year 9 will also have the option of studying **either** French or Spanish on their KS3 journey. As stated above, it is important for students to reflect on which language suits them more and consider which language they might like to study further etc. The option choice should not be selected on friendship groups or teacher preference. If students do not have a preference, the language choice will be selected for them.

Students will have an assembly to communicate this message clearly and students will also be asked by their class teachers on their preference. Should the circumstances change where there may be an imbalance of classes, numbers will need to be addressed and further communication will be given.

Studying a language not only opens doors to new opportunities but widens perspectives on cultural capital, understanding of other traditions and beliefs and also builds confidence in our young people.

Many thanks for your support with Modern Foreign Languages.

Yours faithfully

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