14 May 2020

Dear Families

Modern Language Options for Year 9

Students have studied both French and German in year 8 and have reached a good basic level in each language. At this stage in the school year we ask students to decide whether they would like to continue with French or German moving forward into year 9. This is to allow students the chance to focus on the language they are likely to continue at GCSE. In making this choice, students should consider which they have enjoyed studying the most and the language in which they feel they have made the most progress. Both languages are equally valuable. Given the current conditions, we would like to bring this decision forward so that your child only continues with their chosen language after May half term.

Please discuss this with your child and if you need further support in making this decision do contact me or one of your child’s current language teachers before making your choice.

Due to group size and timetabling, it may not be possible to guarantee all students their requested language and should this be the case we will look at students’ commitment to the language shown to date (ie attitude and effort in class and homework / revision).

We hope to be able to offer students who wish to continue studying two languages the opportunity to attend extra-curricular sessions after school in German, and this will be confirmed in September. Spanish is also offered in year 10 as a fast track GCSE, for those students who show a good aptitude for languages.

Please complete the survey on this link by Wednesday 20th May.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSem9kijqDXArDZjXg1nf7MsoQHW9_G0C1SeLrAvhG9Vf6PHzA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We will then allocate groups and students will be able to focus on their chosen language as soon as possible. We will allocate any students who do not reply on this form.

As always, if you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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