



Choice of Modern Foreign Language

30th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write with regard to the selection of the modern foreign language that your son or daughter will continue to study from the summer term onwards. As you will be aware all students in Year 7 have so far this year been taught a term each of French and German to introduce them to secondary study of each language, and help them to make an informed choice for future study.

Although there are limitations to our ability to offer student choice in language study we would like to offer you the opportunity to express a preference. Please now discuss with your son or daughter whether they would like to continue with French or German and the reasons for their choice, and return the reply slip below to the Finance Office at school by the end of the day on **Thursday 6th April** so that we can do our best to give your son or daughter their first choice.

Please be aware that the constraints of the timetable and staffing, as well as the need to balance classes, mean that we are limited in our ability to grant students their preference. As a result we are unable to guarantee that any student will be assigned to their chosen language and reserve the right to place students where we choose based on our requirements. We can only promise that we will do all we can to comply with students' wishes. Should you have a strong preference, please include a covering letter with the reply slip outlining the reasons, and we will do our best to accommodate this. If we do not receive a reply by the date above, we will assume that you have no strong preference and will assign them to an appropriate group. Please also be aware that groups will be organised during the Easter break and that once students have been allocated to a class it will not be possible to re-assign them.

I appreciate that this can be a difficult choice, but please be assured that this is not a decision that should cause students much concern. The two languages on offer are the two most in demand in the world of employment and are therefore both very useful (and we hope enjoyable!) to learn. Students are expected to reach the same level whichever language they learn and despite some students' hopes there is no "easy" option! Teachers in the department all teach both languages.

If you have any questions regarding this choice please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Modern Languages team on 01202 740950.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Lenarduzzi
Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

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Please return this reply slip to the Finance Office by **Thursday 6th April**.

Name of student: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Choice of language for further study:

French German No preference

Signed: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____