



**Choice of Modern Foreign Language**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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 following parents' evening 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 to allow them to have an input into the process of choosing the language that they will continue to 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 should they have a strong preference, return the reply slip below to Miss Cahill in the Finance Office at school by the end of the day on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. We will then do our best to give your son or daughter their first choice. If they have no strong preference and you are happy for us to make the decision that we feel is in their best interests, there is no need to reply.

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 judgement and requirements. We can only promise that we will do all we can to comply with students' wishes. Should you have a really 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 too 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, irrespective of prior learning in primary school, and despite some students' hopes there is no "easy" option! Teachers in the department all teach both languages.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on 01202 740950 or by E-mail if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Lenarduzzi  
Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

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Please return this reply slip to Miss Cahill in the Finance Office by **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of language for further study:**

French                       German                       No preference

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_