

17 November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware, your son or daughter has been given the opportunity to study both French and Spanish during the first term of Year 7.

In order to prepare your son or daughter for the demands of the GCSE course, he / she will continue to study one language for the remainder of Year 7 and throughout Year 8 and Year 9. Pupils may therefore express whether their **preference** would be to study either **French** or **Spanish**. Pupils who have no preference can select '**No Preference**'. It is hoped that the majority of pupils will be able to continue with the language of their choice but due to timetable constraints, this cannot be guaranteed.

It is important to note that if your son or daughter continues with a language in Year 10, it will be the language studied in Year 8 and Year 9. Pupils who wish to study both French and Spanish at GCSE will have the opportunity to opt to study two languages during the options process in Year 9. GCSE French and Spanish have the same format (25% of the marks are awarded for each skill - listening, reading, speaking and writing) and the level of challenge is equal for both French and Spanish.

Choices should be based upon your son or daughter's achievement and progress so far, as well as their enjoyment of each subject. Pupils are advised against basing their preference upon their current teaching group or upon the language selected by their friends.

I would be very grateful if you could discuss this matter with your son / daughter and for your child to register their preference on the questionnaire which they have been sent via Microsoft Teams:-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aWzIPd0lmUiJCLK7g87zyWsbA7mstulCq3zfQexnDixUQjZaMFpMRIIST1ZOOUU1TzVOT0pPRkILRi4u>

The deadline for choices to be made is **Monday 23 November 2020**.

Yours faithfully

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