

27th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Modern Languages Provision – Y8

As you will be aware from our Parent Handbook and your child's timetable, our Y7 pupils have been enjoying two hours each week of French and German, to give them an in-depth experience of studying each of those languages. From looking at our data, it is clear that our students have been embracing the opportunities they have had to make really good progress in their languages.

This changes in Y8, as our students will receive two hours of Modern Languages provision each week. This enables us to continue to deliver a wide range of subjects on a weekly basis, such as Art, Music, Drama, IT, DT and Food and Nutrition, as well as ensuring we continue to support our students in their language skills development. Therefore, we are asking our Y7s to choose a language to specialise in from Y8 so they can really immerse themselves in it and continue to make excellent progress in their chosen area.

We have left making this choice for as long as possible, to ensure our Y7s have had plenty of time to experience both French and German. We also considered it important to wait until after the Y7 exams were completed the reports released to begin this process with our students so that they could focus on their assessments and then focus on making their language choice afterwards.

In order to support your child in deciding which language to specialise in, it may be helpful to do the following things:

- Explore their report, released earlier this term, looking at their attainment in each subject.
- Discuss the aspects of each language your son/daughter enjoys studying and which language they have enjoyed studying the most.
- Contact your son/daughter's languages teachers.

Once you have worked together to make the decision, please access our Google Form using the link in the table below or from the powerpoint sent out with this communication. You will need to enter their name, form and their language choice.

Students who have been following our Direct Instruction intervention programme, who may have accessed only one language this year, should still make a choice using the Google Form. This will be the language they have studied in Y7. If your son/daughter has not studied a language at all this year, you need not take action – we will contact you individually very shortly to discuss provision for your child.

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The process is as follows:

Date	Action
Monday 27 th June	Letters sent to Parents/Carers Google Form opens Languages Choices Assembly for Y7 students
Monday 27 th June – Monday 4 th July	Teachers discuss in lessons with students Home-school contact as needed Complete the Google Form using this link: https://forms.gle/7oq357docdnQ1rkE8
Monday 4 th July	Google Form closes

Contact details for key staff members:

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Thank you for supporting your child in making this important choice. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff to discuss their choice. We look forward to supporting them through this process and into Y8 as they develop into confident specialist linguists.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs L. Simpson

Leader of Learning for MfL