

12th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Preparing for Year 8 Languages September 2025

Following careful consideration and consultation with the Modern Foreign Languages Department, we have decided to implement changes to the Year 8 languages curriculum, effective from September 2025.

We fully acknowledge that the delivery of languages in Year 7 has, at times, been significantly affected by staff absences. In response, we are introducing a revised approach for Year 8:

- A group of pupils will be invited to continue studying both French and German, allowing them to deepen their academic understanding and proficiency in both languages over the course of the year.
- Other pupils will focus on a single language—either French or German—and will also receive additional support through enhanced literacy and/or numeracy lessons.

These changes are designed to better support pupils' progress and ensure a more consistent and effective learning experience.

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department will review your child's attainment and engagement in language lessons throughout the academic year to determine the most appropriate language pathway for them moving forward.

We consider it important that pupils and parents and carers are given the opportunity to contribute to this decision-making process. We kindly request that you discuss with your child their preferred language to continue with next academic year, should they proceed with only one language, and indicate this preference by completing the linked Microsoft Form

We recognise that, due to this year's staffing constraints, the range of language experiences has been limited for some pupils. This will be taken into account as part of our decision-making.

https://forms.office.com/e/dpSMmKX0ra

Please ensure that you complete the MSForm by Friday 20th June.

You will be informed of the final languages choices for Year 8 based on your input and that of our specialist teachers by the end of term.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Gravett Senior Assistant Headteacher