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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Modern Foreign Language Choice for Year 9**

Now that students have studied both French and German for 2 terms they are in a position to decide which they would prefer to continue with as their main language into Year 9. The vast majority of students will study a Modern Foreign Language at GCSE so students should consider carefully which language they enjoy studying most and have achieved most highly in before stating their preference. For the vast majority of students, we would expect that they will feel most confident in the language they have studied since the start of Year 7 and students should consider carefully the additional work that will be required to ensure their second language is at the same level as their first language if they wish to choose the second language. Based on previous cohorts, the majority of students do choose to continue with the language they began in Year 7. If this is the case this year, students will continue to be taught in their form groups for French and German but with those choosing to change to the second language moving classes for their language lessons. This will not affect lessons in other subjects.

Please select the language your son/daughter has chosen as their first preference on the reply slip. We will do our best to accommodate student preferences taking into account class sizes and staff availability.

Some students may wish to continue studying both languages in Year 9 and where students do this they are able to choose to study both German and French at GCSE. Two periods per fortnight will be offered in the second language and these will be taken as twilight lessons. Students participating in these in the current Year 9 have been highly motivated and engaged and as a result have all worked hard to enable them to be equally well prepared for GCSEs in both languages. If you would like your child to continue with their second language choice as twilight lessons, please tick the box on the reply slip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Wilshaw
Assistant Headteacher, Key Stage 3
To: Mrs C Wilshaw

Re: Year 9 MFL Choices

STUDENT NAME .................................................................

FORM & TEACHING GROUP ............................................

I confirm that my son/daughter wishes to study as their main foreign language:
French ☐  German ☐

My son/daughter is interested in studying a second foreign language during Twilight / lunchtime.
Yes ☐  No ☐

Parent Signature ........................................................................................................

My email address is...................................................................................................