

13 March 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

YEAR 8 FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHEME 2018 – 2019

For the past two terms students in Year 7 have spent all of their foreign language lessons learning French. Now that they have gained a basic familiarity with this language, we are going to introduce a second foreign language at the beginning of September 2018. The new language will be either Russian or Spanish.

This means that for the next two years the vast majority of students will be studying French and either Russian or Spanish. At the end of Year 9 your son/daughter will have an opportunity to choose whether they wish to take a language to GCSE, or indeed 2 languages to GCSE.

Taster lessons in Russian and Spanish have now been given to all students in Year 7. Many of them will want to express a preference for either Russian or Spanish and I ask you to notify me of this by returning the slip below by 16 April 2018. We shall do our best to accommodate any preference which you express, but you will appreciate that for practical reasons we are unable to provide an entirely free choice. We may have to make some adjustments to the initial list of preferences, because of the need to group students into sets of an economic size and to place them alongside others of comparable ability.

Should you require further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Please note that a very small number of children will be invited to withdraw from French for extra literacy support 3 hours a fortnight. These students will learn Spanish only. Mrs C Williams or Mrs L Young (SEN) will contact you individually if this is the case.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hockenull
Head of Modern Languages

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Please return to Mrs J Hockenull, Modern Languages Department, by 16 April 2018.

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Child's name: _____ Tutor Group _____

First Choice: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____