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Dear Parent

We are currently reviewing our provision and programmes of study for the next academic year to ensure that our students follow a broad and balanced curriculum and have every chance to achieve the best possible outcomes. As part of this process you will be aware that we have delayed the Options process for our Year 8 students so that they have a further year to study the full breadth of subjects and be in a more informed position to make their choices. This will mean that all students continue to study a language in Year 9.

In order to plan the best possible curriculum for MFL so that students are confident and fluent in using a language we would like to offer students the opportunity to specialise in one language in Year 9; either French or Spanish. We hope this will mean that they are more prepared for the study of a language in KS4 and to reach their full potential. This also allows the department to strengthen the foundation blocks in preparation for GCSE. We appreciate that we also have some keen linguists who would still like to continue with both languages and are exploring timetable possibilities so that we can facilitate it for those who wish.

Mrs Browning (Head of Modern Foreign Languages) has already spoken to all students in Year 8 to explain the process and has asked them for a preliminary choice of which language they would prefer to specialise in next year.

Please could you follow the link below to complete an online form indicating your son/daughter's firm choice by Tuesday 14th April.

[MFL Option Choices](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Browning (Head of Modern Foreign Languages) if you would like to discuss this arrangement further.

Yours Sincerely



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