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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Language Option

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum, our Year 8 students have been given the opportunity to study two languages in Years 7 and 8: French and Spanish. As a school, we believe that it is important for our students to experience both languages so that they can then decide if they would like to continue studying both or focus on only one language later; in this case, Year 9.

For Year 9, students can either choose to specialise in a single language (French **or** Spanish) or they can choose to continue studying both. If they choose to continue studying both languages, they will have 7 hours of language lessons per fortnightly cycle. Two of those hours will be taken from the extra module carousel that students can choose in Year 9. Hours will be shared equitably between the two languages. If students choose to study one language, they will have five hours per fortnightly cycle.

The deadline for students to submit the decision for their preferred option is **Monday 5 June**. Your child will be able to access an online form later this week (via Google Classroom) to complete at home, either independently or with support from parents/carers. Please note that whilst students are stating their preferred choice, which will be taken into account, input is also required from teaching staff and final decisions will ultimately depend on staffing availability and class sizes next year.

Yours sincerely

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