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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Language Option

At Ashlyns, we believe that experiencing two languages during Year 7 provides a strong foundation for our students. As your child prepares for Year 8, they will transition to specialising in a single language: either French or Spanish. This structure allows for more focused study, with five hours of language lessons per cycle.

Language Selection Process

To ensure balanced class sizes, we need to divide the year group equally between French and Spanish. Your child needs to submit their language preference via the online google form [here](#) (Year 7 intake) by Monday, 15 June. It is really important that your child has a conversation with you before making this choice, so we will reopen the form and students will need to re-enter their choice even if they have done so already.

Please reinforce with your child that this choice should not be made based on teachers. All of our language teachers are specialists in both French and Spanish, so your child will receive high-quality instruction regardless of which language they choose.

Please note the following regarding allocations:

- **Students with additional English support:** If your child had additional English in Year 7, they will need to do Spanish as they had no French lessons in Year 7.
- **General allocations:** While we aim to accommodate student preferences, final class allocations will be determined by our need to ensure an equal split of students across both languages.

Yours sincerely,

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