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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 setting and Year 9 Language Choices

I am writing to inform you that we are making changes to the grouping of Year 8 students in Languages in order to offer choices about language provision for students in Year 9.

Currently, Year 8 students learn foreign languages in their tutor group. In March, we will create one top set and two mixed ability sets per language on each side of the year. The students will all follow the same course content regardless of their group.

Furthermore, we are introducing language choices for Year 9. Currently, all students learn two foreign languages. However, your child will be given the option to reduce this to one foreign language in Year 9. The lessons no longer taken up by language learning will be used to provide additional work in Maths and English. There is no change to the school's policy of making a language a core part of the Key Stage 4 curriculum, so those students who only take one language in Year 9 will continue with it to GCSE.

We are very proud of the school's specialist tradition in this field, and believe strongly that students should have the option to continue with both languages into Year 9. Therefore, your child does not have to drop to one language at the end of Year 8, but is free to continue as they are at present. Students taking two languages will be able to narrow down to one as part of their GCSE options or pursue both into Year 10.

Students will complete the process for Year 9 Language choices following their school exam week in May 2019.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

S.R. Lutz (Mrs)
Head of Languages