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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

### **Year 7 French or Spanish language choice**

I am writing to you regarding your child's choice of language from **November 2024**.

This year all Year 7 students have been studying two languages, French and Spanish, and I hope they have enjoyed learning about their similarities and differences as well as their cultures and people. However, the time has come to decide which language to study. This can be a difficult choice to make so please look at the pointers below to help you and your child decide although our teachers are also keen to help you make the right choice, so please encourage your child to speak to them directly if they are unsure.

#### **What do you need to do?**

You and your child must complete the online form before Wednesday 23 October.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g1q8KZug1Y>

If you have a specific reason why they would rather do one language over the other, you should use the box to indicate this (e.g., native French speaker who would like to continue learning Spanish). If your child is a native speaker and can read and write fluently in the language, we recommend that they study **the other language**.

#### **Is it possible to do both?**

Currently, we offer either French or Spanish. However, by the end of Year 7 your child may receive a letter from their teacher inviting them to study Latin in Year 8. This is part of our Exceptional Learners programme. In addition, we have French and Spanish clubs running after school.

#### **GCSE languages**

Once the choice of language is made, your child will have two hours a week of either French or Spanish. In Year 9, they will be able to pick French or Spanish as one of their GCSE options.

#### **Things to consider when choosing a language:**

Your child will probably have a different teacher so they should choose their preferred language taking that into account.

- Which language do they love? Which country/music/culture are they fascinated by?
- In which language do they feel more confident?
- Which language would they like to study at GCSE?

Although we try to accommodate students' preferred choice, it will depend on class sizes, timetabling, and staff. If we cannot accommodate their language of preference, I will write to you.

Yours sincerely

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