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Dear Parent/Carer

### Language Lessons in Year 8

I am writing to inform you that, in Year 8, your child has been selected to be in a teaching group that studies **both** French and Spanish (3 lessons per fortnight of each language).

Your child's performance in learning French indicates that they will benefit from studying both languages in Year 8 and 9, since similar skills and content are taught across French and Spanish lessons. Research also suggests that exposure to a range of languages helps students to develop literacy and memory skills.

When your child chooses their GCSE options during Year 9, they will have the option to study either French, Spanish or both languages. As with all of our GCSE courses, the availability of these options will depend on the number of students choosing a particular course.

If you have any questions about this, please contact us via our school email addresses. We should be contactable during the summer holidays.

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Thank you for your understanding in this matter – we firmly believe that this is the right choice for your child, but are happy to discuss any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

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