



May 2019

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing commitment to enable all children to have access to the maximum choice in their own education, we are pleased to invite you to consider your language options for next year.

Modern foreign languages are the hallmark of an academic education and as such are, along with Maths, English, History, Geography and the Sciences the constituent parts of the English Baccalaureate. For those students hoping to attend a top university, a foreign language is an impressive string to the bow. In the work place, a foreign language is a transferable skill that enhances employability, promotion prospects and the diversity of career options. In school, an understanding of language aids literacy and can improve performance across the curriculum.

After their initial period of exploring two languages, students will specialise at this point in one language, be it French or Spanish. Language GCSEs are demanding and our experience has shown that concentrating on one language at KS3 increases the chances of success at KS4. They will be able to focus their learning on embedding the language basics that will form the foundations for success at GCSE. All pupils will still be able to make the full range of option choices at the end of year 9 and the choice made in at this point will in no way affect this. It is still possible – advisable even - for outstanding and talented linguists to take both languages at GCSE.

I am sure that you understand that we are unable to guarantee any option as we must match students to classes and teachers according to the structures in place in the school.

Please discuss the options with your family and teachers and then click the link and make your choice, remembering that timetable constraints may affect our ability to grant your wish. The link below will take you to a choice between the following

I definitely want to do Spanish only.	I would prefer Spanish .	I have little or no preference of language.	I would prefer French .	I definitely want to do French only.
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Please click on this link to make your choice by Monday 20th May. Please consult carefully as, once made, it is not always possible to change your choice.

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Students will need to login using the normal student e-mail address and the normal student login password.

Yours faithfully,

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