

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents,

### **Language Choices (Year 7 choosing for Year 8)**

We are now at the time of year when students in Year 7 will choose the languages that they would like to study in Year 8. Most students will be required to study two languages in Year 8, at least one of which will be a language that they continue from Year 7. They may choose to continue both of their current languages, or they may wish to start a new language. The choices of languages are:

- Chinese
- French
- German
- Latin

It is important to consider carefully which language(s) you would like to take forward from Year 7 as you will not be able to pick up a language in the future that you are not studying in Year 8.

To help students with their choice, teachers will be coming into their tutor group during form time next week to introduce Chinese (Mandarin) to the students and give them a flavour of what it would be like to study Chinese (Mandarin), should they wish to choose this as their new subject. Further information will be shared with students in their assembly on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Following the assembly, an assignment will be set on TEAMS to enable students to make their choices, and this assignment will be due on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

For some students, a recommendation will be made that they study one language, with Functional Skills as their second option choice. This will provide them with valuable Maths and English booster lessons in small groups, enabling them to get the highest grades possible in these subjects, alongside their language choice. These students will be informed separately.

Please spend some time discussing language options with your child over the coming week to help make appropriate choices and contact your child's form tutor if you have any questions about the process. We value all students' linguistic opportunities. Therefore, if your child is already fluent in a home language, they will have the opportunity to take exams in this language where available at KS4, in addition to these option choices.

We look forward to receiving your child's choices soon.

Yours sincerely,



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