



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

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YEAR 8 INTO 9 MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Dear Parent

All year 8 Modern Foreign Languages students are asked to state a preference for the language or languages they will continue to study into year 9 and beyond.

We are asking whether students would prefer to:

- continue to study both French AND German
- continue to study French only
- continue to study German only

As this can be quite a difficult decision to make we have already offered students the following advice, which we would be grateful if you could discuss with them at home.

FAST TRACK YEAR 9 COURSE

This course is for;

- students who have an end of year 9 target level of 6a or above
- AND/ OR
- students who have already consistently achieved level 5b or above in both languages in year 8.

These students will be expected to continue to study both French and German as they have proven themselves capable of completing our fast track year 9 course in which pupils will begin to study the GCSE in both languages. These students will continue to have 3 hours per fortnight of each language.

FRENCH OR GERMAN YEAR 9 COURSE

Students continuing to study EITHER French or German will need to consider the following in order to make an informed decision:

- which subject do they feel most confident in
- what their reports and assessments have been like in each subject
- which subject have they made the most progress in

Please also advise your son/daughter NOT to express a preference for a language based on teachers they particularly like or dislike, nor because their friends prefer a certain subject. At this stage, we are unable to say which students will be in which classes or which teachers they will have. Pupils will have 3 hours of teaching per week.

Please be aware that this choice does NOT replace the options process and we will continue to guide students towards the most suitable route to follow at the end of year 9.

THE DEADLINE FOR CHOICES IS MONDAY 6TH JUNE and preferences should be made online via this link:

<https://apps.switchlp.com/year8options/>

Password: languages2016

We hope that this will help you and your son/daughter in this matter. While we will endeavour to accommodate each student's preference, this may not always be possible. We would be very grateful if you can remind your son/daughter that they may, unfortunately, be disappointed but we will avoid this if at all possible.

Many thanks for your time in reading this letter and advising your son/daughter and please feel free to email me directly if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

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