



April/May 2021

Ref: Year 8 into 9 MFL – MFL LANGUAGE PREFERENCE

Dear Parent/Carer

In Modern Foreign Languages students in Year 9 begin to study the GCSE course and it is now time for them to let us know whether they would prefer to:

- a) continue to study French only
- b) continue to study German only

This is to give pupils the opportunity to specialise in one language and benefit from having 3 lessons each week of their preferred language. This gives them additional time in which to master the structures and vocabulary required to succeed in the GCSE French or German course, which they will then continue to study in years 10 and 11.

We appreciate that this decision may not be an easy one to make and so, in order to help make this choice, we have produced a PowerPoint presentation which you can find in the following places:

- attached to Show My Homework and
- on the school website <http://www.keslichfield.org.uk/>

We would be very grateful if you could work through this letter and the presentation with your son / daughter in order to help them in their decision.

Students should consider:

- a) which language they feel most confident in
- b) which language have they made most progress in (see exercise and passbooks)
- c) any feedback/comments from their year 7 and most recent year 8 French and German reports (available on Switch link on school website <http://www.keslichfield.org.uk/>)

They should not express a preference for a language:

- a) based on teachers they particularly like (or dislike!) or
- b) based on which language their friends may be choosing.

At this stage, we are unable to say which students will be in which classes or which teachers they will have.

Please do encourage your son/daughter to discuss with their current MFL teachers if they would like any more advice or support.

Please be aware that their MFL preference does NOT replace the whole school options process which will begin in the Spring term of year 9. However, pupils should be aware that they cannot pick up the language they have dropped at a later date.

Whilst decisions of this nature are always subject to class size and timetabling restrictions, we will do our very best to accommodate all pupils' preferences.

Your son/daughter has been asked to let their French or German teacher know in class by FRIDAY 12TH MAY at the latest and we will confirm whether we have been able to accommodate their preference as soon as possible thereafter.

Many thanks for your time and support in this process,

Yours faithfully

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