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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you are no doubt aware, students in Year 7 have had the opportunity to study French, Spanish & German so far this academic year.

Up until Christmas everyone studied both French & Spanish, students then opted for which language they preferred to continue for the rest of the year. At that point, we also explained that students would be given the opportunity to start learning German; so since January students have had a taster of German for one lesson a fortnight.

As Year 7 is now coming to an end we would like students to rate the languages they have studied in preference order to help inform our decision about which language they will be following in Year 8. We would like you to do this now so that we can start looking at timetabling for next year.

I would therefore very much appreciate it if you could take a few moments to fill in the attached slip and return it to either one of your language teachers, or to me personally.

Please could you rank the 3 languages in order, with your most preferred option being number 1. I am aware that a number of students have asked about being dual linguists in year 8, so if your child would like to continue with 2 languages then please could you make this clear on the form, and we will consider it when putting the timetable together for 2018-19.

It would also be helpful for us if you would like to explain the reason behind your choice, although there is no obligation to do this, and indeed there may be no reason other than that your child enjoys one language much more than the others.

Due to the constraints of staffing and timetabling, I cannot guarantee that all students will get their preferred option. If we do not receive a reply from your child then we will have to allocate their language for Year 8 without the decision being informed by their preference.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your child's language teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Sim
Deputy Headteacher

