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Dear Parent / Carer,

KS3 Languages from September

We keep our curriculum offer under review to ensure our learners get the best learning opportunities to match their needs.

Our offer is also informed by changes at national level with regards to the delivery and assessment of subjects.

In 2010, the government introduced the EBacc measure and in June 2015, announced its intention that all pupils who started Year 7 in September 2015 and beyond must take the EBacc subjects when they reach their GCSEs in 2020. The government has yet to share the outcomes from the consultation on this proposal. The EBacc is made up of:

- English
- Mathematics
- History or Geography
- the sciences, and
- a language.

At present, we continue to offer an 'open choice' to children in Year 9 when they take their options but have encouraged EBacc take up. We will continue to keep this under review as we await the government's decision on whether pupils must take these subjects at GCSE. It may be the case that children in Years 7-9 will be expected to take History or Geography and a language when they take their options.

The languages department are reviewing the way that they deliver languages to ensure students are EBacc ready. Therefore, from September, our languages offer will be:

Year 7 - all students will take both French and German

Year 8 - all students will take both French and German

Year 9 - some students will take French and German, others will just take French.

If your child will be in Year 9 in September, they will be grouped according to their foreign language ability. Where the department feels that students would be better to focus on one language only, they will study French. Stronger linguists will study both French and German. The language department are finalising the groups this term. If you or your child has a preference with regards to studying a single or double language offer, please inform Mr Urwin, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, by Monday 17th July.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'N Shelley'.

Miss N Shelley
Deputy Headteacher