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Dear Parents/Carers

I wrote, earlier in the year, to inform you that Year 8 students will now choose both of their GCSE options in Year 9 rather than choosing one in Year 8. I am writing to let you know more about language provision in Year 9.

Year 9 students will study the Core Curriculum as set out below. In the Spring of Y9, they will choose two GCSE option subjects and select a GCSE Humanity for certification at the end of Year 11. In Year 9 they will study a compulsory GCSE in Religious Studies which they will certificate in at the end of Year 10. The choice of option subjects will be finalised early in 2019.

Core Curriculum
Maths
English
Chemistry
Biology
Physics
Religious Studies (GCSE in Year 10)
PSCHE
Geography or History (or both if the second is chosen as an option)
Spanish or French (continued from Y8)

One of the option subjects that students can choose to study in Year 10 and 11 is German. To prepare students for the possibility of choosing this option we will offer some students the experience of German as a second language in Year 9 alongside their current language. The decisions on which students will study German will be made by the Modern Foreign Languages faculty based on students' commitment to learning a foreign language as demonstrated since Year 7. If a student wishes to ensure they are considered for German next year, please ask them to let their French or Spanish teacher know.

Please do get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

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