

To: Year 8 Parents/Carers

14 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements for the teaching of languages from September 2022. Currently, all students study a combination of two languages; either French and German or French and Spanish.

We would like to give your child/ward the best possible start in their GCSEs and we believe that spending more time studying one language in Year 9 for 5 lessons per fortnight will give them a deeper understanding of the skills and knowledge required to succeed in KS4. Therefore, we are giving our students the opportunity to express a preference of the two languages that they are currently studying to continue into Year 9.


If your child/ward does not have a strong preference, we will allocate a language to them based on their progress so far in KS3. In this case, you do not need to respond to this letter. However, if they would like to express an interest, please provide your preference using the link below by **Tuesday 28 June** explaining their preference and any reasons for this preference; that you have a bilingual family member for example.

Please be aware that, although we will do our best to ensure your child/ward is given their language choice, in some situations, this may not be possible and we will also be taking into consideration current progress and attitude to learning when placing students into their language groups. Their allocated language will be indicated on their timetable in September, if there are any issues at this point please contact me within the first two weeks of term to discuss.

[Y9 language preference form](#)

Thank you for your time in helping us to ensure your child/ward continues to enjoy their language learning experience at Taverham High School.

Yours faithfully



Miss S Campbell
Head of Modern Languages