

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

I am writing to you regarding your child's learning in Year 8.

The study of a Modern Foreign Language at GCSE is a qualification that will enable your child to achieve the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers and pupils who have achieved the EBacc may be looked upon favourably when moving on to further education.

This week, there will be an opportunity for students to begin to explore the choice of language they wish to study in Year 8. Students will be given the option to continue and develop **French** or start a new language, **Spanish**. They will then be able to continue this language into GCSE if they opt for a language during the Guided Pathway process that will begin in January 2026.

As students have currently been studying French this year, they may wish to continue this next year and develop this further. However, some students may wish to start a new language and thus will be given the opportunity to start to learn Spanish. Students can however state 'no preference' and the choice will be made for them.

Students will receive more information about Spanish during their French lessons over the next week with their language teacher. Next week, students will then complete a questionnaire outlining which language they wish to study next year, or they can state 'no preference'.

Please could you take time with your child before then to discuss this choice, so that they are able to make an informed decision.

If you have any questions regarding the courses, please contact the school to arrange to speak to your child's language teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Ryan Sharratt

Associate Assistant Principal