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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Language choices

I am writing to let you know about your son/daughter's language curriculum in Year 8. During Year 8 some students will begin to study an additional language to French. The languages staff, in discussion with the head of year, look closely at a child's progress in languages over Year 7. We then consider if it is in their best interest to take on the study of a second language for the rest of Key Stage 3, or if would be better for them to continue focusing their efforts on making good progress in French only.

The second language that students take is determined by which year half they are in. Students in the X half: the AL, DL, ML, TL and WL tutor groups take German. Students in the y half: the AH, DH, MH, TH and WH tutor groups take Spanish. We have considerable success in all languages at Lymm, securing absolutely outstanding results on all indicators and particularly when we are compared with success nationally. Students achieve equally outstanding results across all language options with none proving 'more difficult' to achieve in then others.

Due to timetabling constraints we do not offer an option process for choosing which second language students follow. We will consider family reasons for a child following a different second language: for example parents being native speakers of one of the languages or having family living in a country where the language is spoken. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this. The student would need to move year halves in order for them to study the language not being taught to their year half.

Yours faithfully,

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