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Dear parent/carer

As we approach the end of the year, I am writing to give you an update on the ways in which your child's timetable will change as they move into Year 8.

As you are aware, in year 7 all students have studied French as their modern foreign language. In year 8 and 9 the majority of students will also be taught a second language. The second language will be either German or Spanish and will be decided based on whether a student's form is on the 'L' or 'H' side of the year. Please do bear in mind that timetable restrictions mean that we are not able to offer any choice of language, in line with school policy over the past few years. Therefore:

- AL, DL, ML, TL and WL will study German
- AH, DH, MH, TH and WH will study Spanish

In addition, there will be a relatively small group of students on each side of the year who we feel would benefit from focusing on French only. These groups will be confirmed in September.

In year 8, students will remain in the same tutor groups but will no longer be taught together for many lessons. Instead, they will be taught in 'core' groups for several subjects including, Art, Humanities, Performing Arts, IT and Science. They will continue to be in ability sets for Maths and PE, and will also be placed in sets for English and Languages. Again, all of these groups will be confirmed in September.

If you have any concerns regarding either of these issues please contact Mrs Worrall in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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