

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018



**To: Parents of Pupils in current Year 8**

Dear Parents,

### **Changes to Modern Languages Provision for Year 9: September 2018**

There has been a nationwide decline in the take up of modern foreign languages for GCSE, which has come about with the revision of GCSE specifications. The changes include the moving away from coursework, increased subject content and an increased academic rigour, which add together to necessitate more teaching time for the subject.

The only way we can facilitate this in Year 9, is to ask the pupils to choose between their two languages, so that double the amount of lessons can be allocated to the one, in sound preparation for the GCSE work the following year. The language of choice will be allocated four teaching periods per week.

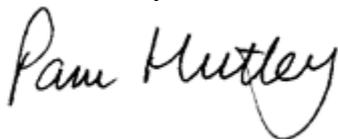
These changes do not affect those who have already opted out of all MFL and who do extra Maths and English instead; this will continue, for 4 periods a week. Those who do one language with XME currently however, will need to choose between the XME or the continuing language.

It will need to be borne in mind that the decisions the children make this year will affect their GCSE choices. If they do not opt for the full course language option for Year 9 (4 lessons), they will not be able to make that choice at GCSE.

If you would like to discuss these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Alternatively, if you would like more information on your son/daughter's academic potential, in either of the two language subjects, please contact Mrs Twomey (French) or Miss Nissan (Spanish).

Please complete the pro-forma attached to confirm your intentions regarding the above, which will enable us to make the required timetable changes. Please complete and return this form to Mrs Hutley via the form tutor, by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Yours sincerely



Mrs P Hutley  
Headmistress



## Changes to Year 9 MFL provision – September 2018

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I can confirm that I have read and understand the changes that are going to take place to the current Year 8 for the next academic year.

I would like my son/daughter to study:

*(Please circle the option you would like):*

French  
Spanish  
XME

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Mrs Hutley via your son/daughter's Form Teacher by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**