



LMN/JSS

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Dear Parent/Carer

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

As you are aware this year we have given students the opportunity to study more than one language in order to give them more variety in their language development. Students have had a term of studying either French or Italian, with a fortnight of Spanish each half term. We have recently evaluated the effectiveness of this trial and we feel it is in the best interest of the students for them to concentrate on studying only Spanish for the rest of this year.

Whilst it has been beneficial for students to experience another language and its culture for a term, we believe it will be of greater benefit for their progress to continue with one language.

In light of the demands of the new GCSE, we will also be offering only Spanish as an option. Students are now required to know much more language and grammar by heart for their final exams. Upon reflection of these changes we have decided that students will need a solid background of the language at KS3 in order to proceed with it at GCSE and make the required progress. Spanish will offer them the best opportunity to succeed.

We appreciate your support during this time whilst we have tried to ensure that we give your child the best opportunities that we can.

Yours sincerely

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