



Year 8 Language Options

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Your child will have studied the introductory course in French, Spanish and Latin by the end of the summer term; developing their language skills, accessing a wide range of linguistic skills and exploring the cultures. In Year 8 and 9 they will focus on just two of these languages. This allows us to ensure that all module content and grammar structures are taught ahead of starting their GCSEs in Year 10.

I visited every Year 7 class last week to discuss some advice and tips on how to choose their options and hold a Q&A. We suggest you take some time together discussing what they heard in this presentation and Q&A and their options over the next few weeks. I have sent this presentation to all Year 7s via email which would be valuable for you go through with them and help inform your discussions. There will **not** be the option to swap languages back once the decision has been made.

Although we will try our best to place students into the languages that they prefer, we will also look carefully at every student's ability and attitude to the subject before making a decision. We will try out absolute best to ensure that all students get their first-choice preferred language, so please ensure this is the one you wish to continue at GCSE. We will then do our best to accommodate second choice languages. There is a need to have a maximum capacity for the languages, due to the limited number capacity in our classrooms.

Should you have a strong preference which languages your child would like to study, please fill in the form on this [link](#). The link will become live **on Monday 23rd June at 6:30pm**, this allows you time to think and discuss as a family. If your child only has a preference for only 1 language, they can leave the 2nd language box blank. The deadline for completing the form is **Wednesday 25th June at 9pm**. Students who do not reply will be allocated into a language.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on manley-l@beaconsfieldhigh.school

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Manley

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