

To: Parent/Carers – Year 8 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 - Language Study

I am writing regarding your child/ward's study of languages in Year 9. Currently, all students study a combination of two languages, but from September 2024, your child/ward will study one language only.

We believe that focussing on one language in Year 9 for five lessons per fortnight will give your child/ward the best possible foundation required to succeed at GCSE. Therefore, we are giving our students the opportunity to express a preference of which language they would like to continue with in Year 9.

If your child/ward does not have a strong preference, we will allocate a language to them based on their progress so far in KS3. In this case, you do not need to respond.

However, if they would like to express a preference, this can be done using the link below by **3:00 pm on Friday 17 May 2024**. Any replies after this date will still be collated, but priority will be given to those preferences received before the deadline.

- **Click this link to express language preference:** <https://forms.office.com/e/Ek4z1U7esz>

We will do our best to ensure your child/ward is given their language choice, but please be aware that **we cannot guarantee this**. This is often due to numbers and staffing, but we will be taking into consideration current progress and attitude to learning when placing students into their language groups. Their allocated language will be indicated on their timetable in September 2024, if there are any issues at this point, please contact me within the first two weeks of term to discuss.

Thank you for your time in helping us to ensure your child/ward continues to have a positive experience of learning languages at Taverham High School.

Yours faithfully



Ms R Turner
Head of Languages