



15 June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Modern Foreign Languages from September 2021

As you will know, since September your child has been learning both French and Spanish at George Spencer Academy with the S half starting with Spanish and the P half with French before swapping. Our policy is that, from September 2021, Year 8 students will focus on one foreign language only.

With this in mind, we should like to know now which language your child prefers. This would be the language that most students would continue to study to GCSE. We are aware that, because of what they did in the primary schools, the majority of Year 7 students have studied more French than Spanish. However, we feel that with discussion at home, the students will be able to come to an informed decision about their preferred language.

Please note that this process is about a **preference** and not a **choice**. When creating the groups for September 2021, the school will make every effort to accommodate the children's preferences but, of course, this can never be guaranteed because of the constraints of group sizes and timetabling matters.

We should be grateful if you would have a conversation with your child about their language preference. Your child will then be able to express this preference on a linear scale 1 – 5 on a Google form that will be sent to them via their Year 7 remote learning Google classroom (code: gk6jfyq), or the form can be accessed by clicking this link - <https://forms.gle/SbsQCJYtLQ66Us786> .

Please note that students must be signed into their Google account to complete it.

Choosing **1** would show a preference for studying French, **5** for studying Spanish and **3** for not having a preference. Therefore, if your child is unsure which language they prefer or have no particular preference, we can take this into account. Choosing **2** would show more of a preference for French and **4** for Spanish.

Once we have collated the information from the students we will be in a position to timetable the groups.

Please note the deadline for completing the Google form is Monday 21st June.

Yours sincerely

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