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Dear Year 8 Parents

We are writing to you concerning Languages in Year 9. Looking at the current Year 8, and the place of languages both in the school and in education as a whole, we are interested in running a Year 9 German group, if there is student demand.

This is not as odd as it sounds, as many schools introduce German ex nihilo in Year 9 for students who have a sufficient ability in the study of languages, allied to an interest in embracing such a fascinating and rewarding subject. We trialled this last year and found it worked well for the students coming through and we would like to try it again.

In theory, students who opt for German would do so in place of either Spanish or French (studying two Languages in Year 9 would remain compulsory), but it could run alongside them, if the timetable allows.

At the moment, all of our plans are nebulous and would rely on there being sufficient interest in taking on this new language.

So that students are in a position to know what the study of German would entail, we intend to run a two week sample German course from 16th March. We have checked to make sure that this will not inhibit the students' development in French and we are confident that far from hurting it, it will in fact support their overall studies.

We think that this will be a lot of fun and, following the sessions and building on interest, we can see if it is possible to run a German set for next year's Year 9.

No promises, but an exciting opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs Lyon, M. Vié or Dr Walker.

Tschüss!

Mrs L Lyon (Teacher of German) and

Dr C G Walker (Headmaster)