



5 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 (from September 2026) - Second Language Allocation

As you are aware, all Year 7 pupils learn French and will continue to do so in Year 8. In Year 8 students will also be allocated a second language, either German or Spanish.

In the week commencing 8 June, we will be asking your child to fill in a google form expressing their interest. If there is particular demand for one language that exceeds the number of spaces available we **cannot guarantee** that all students will be allocated their preferred second language and students will therefore be allocated a class at random so that this is fair for everyone.

We assume that all students are beginners in the second language and teach on that basis. However, if your child already speaks either German or Spanish, for instance due to having a native speaker parent, please advise us at mfl.office@swbgs.com so that we can ensure that they study the other language to maximise their learning opportunities. They would still, however, be able to choose that language for GCSE.

We will write to you in July to let you know which second language your child has been allocated. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Modern Languages office on mfl.office@swbgs.com

Yours faithfully
Modern Foreign Languages