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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 7 Guided Choice in Language

At the Hastings Academy students study two languages at Key Stage 3. All Year 7 pupils are currently studying Spanish and all Year 8 pupils study French.

Following a recent curriculum review we have looked at the suitability of this arrangement in preparing students for a Modern Foreign Language GCSE. In order to enable students to achieve their full potential and to empower them to take responsibility for their learning all Year 7 students will now experience two languages.

By the end of Term 5 the students will have experienced both French and Spanish in Year 7. We will then ask them to make a choice in the language they will study in Year 8. This choice will be guided by the teacher and will be based on: their 'Working at Level' in each language, the progress they have made and their interest in the subject. Students will start studying their chosen language in Term 6 of Year 7.

A Modern Foreign Language GCSE is an invaluable asset for our students' future ambitions and we strongly believe that having a guided choice in Year 7 will give them greater opportunity to fulfil their potential should they wish to continue it at Key Stage 4.

Please feel free to contact me on s.regereau@hasla.org.uk should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Régereau
Modern Foreign Languages Subject Leader

