



06 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Languages Option for Year 8 and 9 (2022-24)**

As you will be aware, your child has been studying both French and German since they joined us at St Laurence in Year 7. In the next few weeks, students will now choose to study **either French or German** when they return to school in Year 8 in September.

Throughout year 8 and 9, students will follow either French or German. Whilst we encourage all students to continue their study of a language to GCSE, currently the option to discontinue language learning at the end of year 9 remains.

By enabling students to specialise in one language, we will be able to offer a greater allocation of lesson time. This will support students to meet the challenge of the GCSE course specifications. We are confident that the opportunity to study one language in greater depth, and with more lesson time, will be beneficial for your child and will help them to secure good progress next year and beyond, should they choose a language at GCSE.

#### **Is it possible to continue studying both languages?**

We are making provision for students who have the desire to continue the study of both French and German in year 8 and 9. This provision will involve a commitment to attending one additional after school lesson per week in the second language. The teacher will commit to planning, teaching, marking and reporting to parents on these lessons. In return, the students will need to commit to the faster pace of learning, home learning tasks and assessments, as would be required in their other language lessons. Any student who wishes to be considered for this provision, which will be based on consultation with teachers and reference to prior attainment in languages, should select the fourth option on the response slip.

#### **What happens next?**

Please use the response slip below to indicate your choice and return this to your French or German teacher by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. If you have no preference, please choose the third option. Please note that if we do not receive a response from you by the deadline, you will be notified of your language allocation when the class lists are drawn up.

In order to support our students in making this decision, students are invited to discuss it with their languages teachers. Furthermore, any parent who wishes to discuss this decision should either email the class teacher or Mrs Barber (Head of Languages) [laubar@st-laurence.com](mailto:laubar@st-laurence.com)

Yours faithfully  
Laura Barber

Mrs L Barber

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Modern Languages



Name (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choice clearly with a tick in the box next to your preferred option. Please tick only **one** option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to study French only
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to study German only
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have no preference between French or German
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to be considered to continue with both French and German

Please return this slip to your language teacher no later than **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

*NB: if we do not receive a response from you by this date, you will be notified of your language allocation when the class lists are drawn up.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_