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A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 9 Language Option Choice for KS4

As you are aware, year 9 students at STFS currently study two languages in their MFL lessons, French and Spanish, each for one or two hours a week. All students then choose their preferred language to continue for KS4 (year 10 and 11). In order to best prepare students for the GCSE course, we would like to organise students in to their GCSE language groups after Easter to begin building excellent foundations for year 10. This means that year 9 students will no longer continue both languages after Easter and will instead have three lessons a week of their chosen language for GCSE.

In order to enable this change and the organisation involved, we are asking students to tell us their preferred language choice now. To help guide your child to making the best decision, please can you discuss this choice with them at home before handing back the slip **via email by Friday 18th March**. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the choice with your child's MFL teacher at our parents evening on Monday 14th March. I have left a "do not mind" option if students really have no preference. We will endeavour to provide students with their first choice.

If your child begins studying one language in the summer term and realises that they have made the wrong choice, we are flexible to consider language changes. From the end of the summer term however, any changes will not be possible.

Please also bear in mind that, pending option blocks, some students may be able to choose to study a second language as a GCSE in addition to the compulsory one they are selecting in this process.



Over the last couple of years, we have begun offering an alternative language qualification, the FCSE certificate, for individuals who have particularly struggled with the GCSE language course. This will be explained in more detailed during the whole school options process but please feel free to ask me any questions via e-mail in the meantime. For now, all students need to choose one language to continue after Easter. Please email me at annie.hughes@sirthomasfremantle.org with your child's name and chosen language, or alternatively complete and return the form below via e-mail or in person.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Hughes

Miss Annie Hughes
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Year 9 Language Option Choice

Student name.....

Class.....

I have discussed my son/daughter's language options and confirm the following selection:

Language chosen for the summer term and GCSE (circle as appropriate): French / Spanish / do not mind

Signed Parent/guardian

Please return the slip directly to Miss Hughes via email at annie.hughes@sirthomasfremantle.org by Friday 18th March

