



27th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Survey on the MFL Curriculum Offer for Current Year 7 students

We have been very impressed with the great work of all our Year 7 students over what has been a very hard year. It has been impressive to see how our students, staff and families rose to the challenges thrown up by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to supporting language development and improving student performance in language learning and we want your thoughts to help inform our decisions for the Year 8 curriculum. Once we have your replies we can look at what is possible, based on staff expertise, and confirm the Languages curriculum before the end of the Summer Term.

Would you prefer for your child to continue to study two languages, or to focus on one in Year 8?

It is quite possible you will consider it appropriate for your child/children to study a single language for the next year, in order for them to further develop their skills. You might see this as a part of a more long-term commitment to taking such an important subject forward for GCSE. This would mean your child/children would have more lessons of a single language in Year 8. Currently students taking two languages have three lessons in each language per fortnight. In Year 8 your child would move from this to having six lessons in their one language choice. This would be for Year 8 only, to help recover more of the face-to-face language learning experience. In Year 9 your child would have four lessons in their single language, with the other two being made up of additional Maths or English.

Alternatively, you might decide to keep things as they are for now. You may feel your child/children are not yet ready to make such a decision and wish for them to continue studying two languages. This could keep their experience broader, enabling them to enjoy greater variety whilst considering which language to take at the end of Year 8. Those taking two languages would continue to have three lessons of each language throughout Year 9.

Whichever choice you and your child make now, they will still be able to continue to study the language or languages at GCSE.

Once parents have completed the survey, we will write to confirm the model going forward. The final date for submission of responses is 9am on Wednesday 5th May 2021. **Students will need to login to the school intranet to access this.**

You will find the survey at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYCwG3TptkKUJQEK3ByuairLYHHFehFm3UI10rCitUREIEOTZUTzhHMEUzV0IFMvY4T1haQThLRS4u>

If you have any questions and/or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me via bawden@qegs.email

Yours faithfully

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