



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

3rd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR YEAR 9 2020/21

During Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to study all the subjects we offer in the Technology and Modern Foreign Language faculties. In Year 9 the depth of these studies increases. To ensure students have sufficient curriculum time to benefit fully from the Year 9 courses, we are asking them to choose the following: **one Modern Foreign Language and one Design Technology area.**

A summary of the option decisions to be made are below:

Decision to be made NOW in Year 8 for study in Year 9 2020/21	Decision to be made <u>next year</u> for study in Year 10 2021/22 & Year 11 2022/23
French OR German	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue with the language chosen to GCSE level. ORChoose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e. drop the language). ORIf you are considering taking two languages at GCSE level, contact Mrs Coppertwaite through its learning.
Food OR Product Design OR Textiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue with the technology subject chosen to GCSE level. ORChoose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e. drop the technology) ORIf you are considering taking two DT options at GCSE level, contact Mr Bolger through its learning.

**We do ask students for a reserve choice of Technology subject due to constraints on staffing and resources. Nevertheless, we do accommodate the first choice most of the time.*

To provide students with more information about these options, we usually have a dedicated assembly but due to the current situation this will not be possible. Instead we have added a PowerPoint presentation from each of the Heads of Department onto ItsLearning. In the majority of cases, the students will be very clear on which language and technology subject they prefer from their experience of studying these subjects. Where the decision is not straightforward, the Year Team and Heads of Department can be contacted using the link on the ItsLearning page.

Please logon to your child's ItsLearning account and go to the Year 8 Options page and follow the link to make their options choice by Monday 20th April 2020.

Yours sincerely

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